

Itinerary

to the

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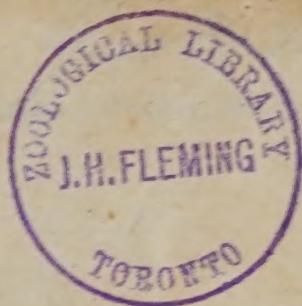
Dir - noise (Provincialisms)
Loaning - a lane
Doff - put off.
Gradely - he's a ^{generally} gradely fellow. i.e. ^{dear}
 - he's a good kind of fellow.
Gay - great - good &c - it's a gay bit off &c
Giff - a glance
Tenting - Tending or attending -
 - exclaim to dig - stut &c
Caliver - strange uncouth or ridiculous
 motions - when a man's
 drunk see there how that
 fellow calivers - fr: y French
Benni - a corrup.ⁿ for Bennison. claf
 Benni honey to children
Lil - Little - also lattle
Yark - a sudden or great pull
Bunny - pretty
Banny
Bounily or Bannily -
Hask "you'll never ask to wed."
 me
Grin to Grin
Dose - vary Dose is vary tedious
Holling or helling - throw or pouring
Nive or nief - fist -
Stall'd - Tired - - -

Aumbry - meaning alms or place for
 the reception of alms such
 as broken vehicles &c

Carl - rude - large - rough - &c - a very
 barbarous fellow is called a Carl
 The large stone at foot of sim-
 mer water is called the Carl stone

Notes for

A
Tour



to the
North-Western Dales
of
Yorkshire

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1.
Itinerary to the North Wes-
tern Dales of Yorkshire

89th Day. Aug. 15.th The whole of
and best part of the afternoon
was employed in preparing
for my departure from York
and a little after 4 o'clock
in the afternoon I set out
accompanied by my brother
who went with me as far
as the four-mile house on
the Burroughbridge road. As
nearly the whole of this dis-
tance lay along a road
we were accustomed so fre-
quently to travel when re-
sident at Poppleton that
it naturally called up many
gleaning yet melancholy
reflections on times that
are far ever gone by in
particular we discoursed
of those two excellent - dear
departed beings, our mother
& brother Alexander and

2 indulged emotions which
stimulated to virtue and
the noblest exertions - colli-
-tion like this wonderfully
endears the parties concerned.
At the four-mile house we
drank ale & porter together &
parted. my brother returning
to York & myself pursuing
the intended rout. I found
my luggage exceedingly tiresome
it weighs 3 stone which is
a serious weight to a pedes-
-trian. The whole distance
from York to the foot of the
rising ground upon which
Green hamerton stands is
part of the Vale of York &
consequently very flat. Although
it is generally richly cultiva-
-ted - it is the most dreary
& disagreeable part of the ^{vale}
according to my taste as there
are seen if any picturesque
views - till you arrive at
the hill before mentioned
from the top of which there
is an enchanting view of
the vale - city & minster of
York with the blue water
in the distance. At Skipton

-bridge you cross the Nidd³
which is there narrow &
very winding - the country
immediately about Green
Hamerton is divided into
very large open fields chiefly if
not entirely arable which
produce great quantities
of excellent corn - It consists of
a large Green having hedges
& trees on each side & at the
end the manor house - It
is called green in contradis-
tinction to Kirk - hammer-
-ton a larger village about
a mile distant on the banks
of Nidd - nearly all the land
on the hills here is lately
enclosed - I look up my
abode for the night here

90th Day / At about 7 o'clock
aug: 16. This morning I took
my departure for Knarborough - Per-
haps there is no district in Eng-
land that affords finer land than
is to be found between these
places - it is rich to excess &
remarkably well watered &
wooded - indeed so like a
paradise is it that I could

4 not but feel a deep sense of
regret as I passed by Thorn-
-ville Royal - a place at which
I have spent so many happy
hours - that its unfortunate
owner should be obliged to
sell so noble an estate. Had
I such an one clear of all
incumbrance - I would not
envy any potentate in Eu-
-rope for it is much to me
whether a man could not do
more positive good in such
a situation than in any
other in life - but when we
consider that such a man
as Col. Thornton possessing
every natural requisite to
constitute one of the great
of human beings should
not only be degraded from
the rank he ought to
hold amongst the nobili-
-ty & gentry of England but
even obliged to part with
the very means of his exis-
-tence - Its situation com-
-mands all that a gentle-
-man could wish - Some

acct must be given of its⁵
original state as a priory
afterwards as the seat of
the old Mauleverers & its sub-
sequent history - Pap Galders
- barough a very interesting place
on my left - the banks of
the Widd as we approach
Knarlesbro assume an inter-
esting appearance - it becomes
a respectable river here
& abounds with fish - The
tower of Knarlesbro stands
upon so high an eminence
that the road gradually
& continually rises to it
for the last two miles I
arrived about 9 o'clock - The
distance 8 miles - After break-
fast I went to E. Margrove
he was not at home I bought
the last Edition of his History
(the 5th) which possesses much
merit - price 4s after which
I sat out for St. Valer's
bore a place I have long
wished to see on acct of
the murder of D. Clark there

6 by Eugene Aram - It is close
to Grimbaldo bridge and a very
beautiful spot - I was dis-
-appointed in respect to the Cave
itself being so extremely small
the entrance is not above
2 1/2 feet high & I crawled in
up on my hands & knees lean-
-ing a pike in my hand
but some varment should
rush out of the dark &
moist spot - it is not much
higher in the inside & of
very small extent - Hargrove
in his hist. talks of things
I could not discover - such
as steps on the outside lead-
ing to an upper apartment
no vestiges of which I could
discover - creepers on the ceiling
grooves for shelves, &c. - The
whole place seems to be
nearly filled up with rubbish.
The cave is in a rock covered
with trees & close to the ri-
-ver - and when all the sur-
-rounding country was a forest
it must have been a solemn
grand - solitary & terrific residence

perhaps the present came way
only an interior apartment &
there originally was a building
of some kind on the outside
made of perishable materials.
A little higher up the river from
this place are some water
mills so romantically situa-
-ted that I could not resist the
temptation of drawing them
after which - and getting attacked
by some rude boys on the other
side of the river as I was draw-
ing by stones &c - I returned
to dinner - After dinner I a-
gain went to Grimbald bridge
& St. Robert's Cave - above the
mills is Grimbald Cragg, a
huge & finely tinted rock that
rises in an abrupt & extreme-
ly magnificent manner. It
produced so grand an effect
from the spot where its whole
surface first burst upon me
that I immediately took out
my drawing materials but
could not begin to colour it as
my water vessel had met with
an accident - Grimbald seems
to have been a celebrated ^{place} ~~place~~
in this quarter at some remote

8. period and it is believed that he had his dwelling in the Cragg bearing his name as there are the remains of an hermitage in a cave on one side of it - He was in all probability a religious recluse - The scenery all the way from Grimbald bridge to the tower is a most beautiful mixture of wood water - rocks and hills disposed in a constant variety of succession - The next place I arrived at was the Priory that once was at least - but now a private dwelling house. There are some of the ruins of the old building scattered amongst the trees & rock overgrown with ivy but none of importance enough to be drawn. its situation for romantic beauty cannot be surpassed. Hargrave gives some acct of its history in his book... the walk from hence to the tower lies thro some bleaching ground - nevertheless the fine scenery cannot be obscured. I never see any appearance of trade in

seems like there but I think of Mary Holstonscraft
fine observations on this head
contained in her letters from
Norway. Arrived at the town
on this side the first object
that strikes the eye is a range
of high & mossy rocks. The
lower part of which are ca-
-vated into houses & inha-
-bited by labouring people
they have a curious grove
effect & resemble similar
habitations at Nottingham

What a tremendous crash of
houses & men must here be
in the event of an earthquake
one of my objects in this part
of the town was St Robert's Cha-
-pel which is likewise an ex-
-cavation in the rock. The di-
-mensions of which are accurately
given in Magnon's book but
he is wrong when he says the
Gothic sculpture is elegant for
it is extremely rude and it
is altogether very much infe-
-rior to a similar spot at
Markworth inasmuch as
the son of a York mayor was
inferior to the son of a no-

10. Weman - There are four very
ludicrous heads hideously car-
ved on the wall whether the
nich over the altar was for
the reception of a crucifix or
an image I will not pre-
tend to say - a pretty girl
showed it to me & I took a
pencil sketch of it in the
inside as Margroux is a to-
lerable representation of the
outside - From hence I went
to meet the virtuoso in his
way - he is a Drall rascal
& was so glad to see me
that he offered me any thing
he had - I took a very fine
etching if I mistake not
by Salvador Rosa for which
after much ado I made
him take a shilling & come
to the inn for a quart of
ale besides. Here I saw a
Dundiver - Merganser & a
similar Tern to my varie-
ty shot in Newby Park - per-
haps it is a distinct spe-
cies as this bird exactly re-
sembled the one I have

This was shot together with
the other birds mentioned at
Galdorborough near this place
the Deer diver. &c. had pro-
bably come up the Nid. The
Frost I did not visit as it is
only fit to amuse similar
minds to its noble patron
& besides I had seen it before
some years ago. I returned
in the evening to my inn
where I supped & spent the
evening with a lot of tra-
vellers.

9th Day / Did not rise 'till 2
Aug: 17. - ven after breakfast
went down the Nid & worked
at the views I had commenced
the day before 'till dinner time
Dined with a traveller after
which I again worked at my
views - returned about 5th clock
went to the Dropping-well
to enquire about the time re-
quisite to petrify certain sub-
stances. Birds' nests are incorpo-
rated in 3 months. I saw a Jack
Oware that was petrified in one
year - eggs of various sizes which
also required a year - a man

It has a year & an half - wood
a year. The man who lives on
the spot seems to think that
wood requires a longer time than
any other substance to become ^{red} done. The articles undergoing
incrustation are placed in a
cavity near the top of the rock
where they receive the water
& are safe from thieves. The
well or channel into which
the water falls would likewise
encrust in an equal degree
but the owner is afraid
to trust them there. The
water springs at the distance
of from 40 to 50 yards from
the rock & in its course falls
under ground appearing ^{again} ^{falling}
near the rock over
which it falls. The greater
part of which & indeed se-
veral neighbouring ones appear
to consist chiefly of petrified
or encrusted matter. Whether
the rock itself is most beau-
tifully tinted and overgrown
with beautiful moss & plants
its dimensions are given with

tolerable accuracy by Map 3.
-grove - as mother Shipton
was born so near it as
the bridge there is little
doubt but the vulgar of her
day believed there was some
connection between her &
the wonderful power of the
water - in rude ages when
all this country was a forest
this well must have had
a strange superstitious ef-
fect on the minds of the
inhabitants - as I could not
catch the castle in the
same point I did not deem
it worth while to take
a view of the well alone.
So little now remains of
the castle except its noble
scite & I had seen it so often
before - that I did not ^{pay} particular attention to ^{that}
or any other of the curiosities
of this place at this time
- returned to my inn I ^{met}
an agreeable gentleman arri-
ved there who had seen
& knew many curious
- particulars respecting Hatfield

14. The celebrated one of which appeared to me so curious & such a happy illustration of the folly of a ridiculous belief in predestination that I cannot but remark it. He was a professed predestinarian & every in life thought himself convinced that at some period or another he must be hanged having this presentiment. Thinking that it would be impossible for him to avoid the fate marked out for him - he hesitated not to commit those crimes which were the means of producing the accomplishment of his destiny - he confessed that when he reasoned upon any unjust act he was about to commit that he never hesitated as to the guilt of it. because as he was to be hanged he would do something ~~worthy~~^{some} of it. Notwithstanding this folly he was a man of extraordinary talents.

and so highly accomplished & insinuating that he easily imposed on all ranks of people. The stories that are told of him are innumerable but his insinuating powers were such that he could obtain whatever he pleased scarcely with any trouble. The very equipage he figured away in when he married the unfortunate beauty of Buttermere was obtained in a fraudulent manner somewhat curious. Being at Keswick taking his pleasure - a gentleman of family & fortune arrived at Woods' inn where he was at - with an elegant equipage. This gentleman charmed to fall in company with Hatfield then under the assumed name of Col. Hope-
town. The gentleman was presently so fascinated by H. that he said he was only going into Scotland on a little business after which he should take his plea-

16 sure & if H would accept
a seat in his carriage he
should be very happy in
his society - H of course
accepted the offer hanging
loose on society - On reach-
ing Glasgow the gentleman
told H - that he must go a
little farther on business
that he would take a chair
& leave his carriage for the
use of H in driving about
the neighbourhood 'till his
return - he did so & never
saw his carr^e more for
his back was no sooner
turned than H ordered ^{four} ~~pass~~
horses to be put to the equi-
page and drove off with
it & that was the very
one he figured away with
in Cumberland - He had
irritated himself so with
the lower orders of the people
that after his guilt was
known - they were fit to
take arms in his defence
saying that from his manner
& appearance he must be a

18. This river is remarkable
for the great number of water
mills situated upon it - and the
very romantic scenery on its
banks all the way from its
source at the Head of Nether
dale to its confluence with
the Aire at Nunmoukton
and tho' its extent is so great
I know of no place where it
is navigable for any other
than small fishing boats.
I arrived at the Star inn in
Ripley about half past 8 o'clock
and had an excellent supper
on Ducks & Meas - and went
early to bed.

92nd Day / Ripley is a poor small
^{Aug: 18.} market town not
larger than an ordinary vil-
lage - but it is an efficient
market town & therefore de-
serving of some respectabili-
ty - If there is any thing wor-
thy of notice in particular I
certainly did not see it. ex-
cept its charming situation
in a rich valley well wooded.

After breakfast I employed myself in reading & writing 'till about 11 o'clock when I prepared for my departure. My road towards Brimham rocks lay along the same rich valley as heretofore 'till I arrived at a tolerably long & steep hill about 2 miles distant from Ripley near the top of this hill I enjoyed a delightful prospect backwards into the vales I had left - in the centre of which Ripley - the church & the seat of Sir John Ingleby Bart. appeared embosomed in wood and surmounted by hills of waving corn - rich grass & wood at the bottom of which runs a gently murmuring & finely meandering stream. Soon after I ascended onto a high open country chiefly enclosed with stone walls - the road had gradually risen for two miles when I arrived at a village long & straggling the name of which I understood from a country man was Burn-gates but looking afterwards into Waigrove's book I found he calls it bond or Bound gates.

20. from the circumstance of
there being the bounds of old
Knare's forest on this side
The country man on the other
hand told me they were called
Burn gates because the forest
gates had here been burnt
however this is a matter
of small signification - on
the right I saw a large
old house which was a free
school endowed in 1760 by
Admiral Rong 'tis in good
circumstances & has a tolera-
ble library - all the houses
in this village have an
ancient appearance - I saw
the date of 1653 upon one
of them - the last on the left
hand - the date in old char-
acters immediately over
the door - the views from
the road are here very
fine there being two very
extensive & rich valleys one
on each side & beyond them
a high range of mountains
clothed in purple heath
here for the first time I
could plainly discern Brim-
ham crags boldly rising at
the distance of about 13.

miles to the North - The road descended from its elevation into a woody vale from which I again arose onto a new kind of scenery. I left a farm called Brimham hall on my left and coming onto a moor enjoyed a perfect Scotch highland scene - smelt the fumes of a peat fire from a wretched hamlet - saw a bleak moor shuddered with stacks of peat & beheld a range of extensive moors & beyond them mountains upon whose sides the shadowy semblances of the clouds that rolled over them - Brimham beacon situated upon a craggy precipice upon which also was seen a miserable hamlet had a good picturesque if not grand effect on my right - This beacon I understood is not now attended - having gone about 3/4 of a mile on this common I passed the Pateley bridge and turned up by the beacon

22 onto the moor upon which
stands the sublime ruins of
Brimham rocks. The first idea
that could embody itself in my
mind after the immediate
shock had been felt by the
first view - was, that the
genius of earthquakes here
held her immediate residence
& that she delighted in being
surrounded by the mighty
& awful emblems of her
power for which purpose
the very entrails of the earth
had been disrupted by the
lightning of Conspicience
& strewn around the terri-
fic brow of this mountain
in every variety of misshapen
mass - and sublime or terrific
group - The rocks do not
occupy a less space than
100 acres and they are placed
upon a mountain so high
that it overlooks nearly all
those immediately surround-
ing it - from hence may
be seen some of most beau-
tiful as well as the most
sublime - The vale & minister

of York distant about 30²³
miles - Knaresbro - Harrogate
and innumerable villages
the great vale of Mid-
Northdale with the moor
beyond crowned by the
lofty summit of Wharfe
side & Pendle hill - the
great vale beyond Leeming
Lane as far as Rombold
topin & the mountains
of Cleveland - Rombold
topin is distinctly seen &
it is distant upwards of
50 miles - the mountains
of Hambleton & the blue
molds - in short from
the awful brow of this
eminence - so many fine
views may be seen in
every direction that choice
becomes confused - There is
a house built amongst
the rocks for the convenience
of strangers I made towards
it & found it inhabited by
a fine old active man
of 80 and a complet sybil

24. whose manners & appearance were exceedingly entertaining to me my first care was to know whether or not I could procure a bed as my plans would be guided by that circumstance - a bed had been kept at this house for the accommodation of strangers till it fell to pieces & no other was provided so that I could not have one there - I soon perceived that I must not hope for comfortable accommodation of any kind during my stay here - I dispatched mine host to a neighbouring cottage the residence of a weaver of line to beg the convenience of a bed for the night - he succeeded - I dined upon eggs & bacon the whole provision the house could afford & drank stale bottled ale - after dinner I went with mine host to view the more particular curiosities of the place - It is a common opinion that these rocks were

25.
The abode of Druids - Margrove
in his Hist. of Knarles seems
to insist on it - Whether or
not the Gods of Druidical Do-
-latory dwelt amid these gi-
-gantic & unheaven mapped
of rocks - or the mysteries
of an heathen mythology
were here celebrated is per-
-haps a matter of little
real moment; but, it is
certain, that deities of a
different order, more fasci-
-nating & rustic, now reign
in the solitary recesses of the
caverns and of that soil is
not raised to the sublimity
of a pure & lofty ^{holy} religion. The
senses & affections of the
are at least charmed by gra-
-tifications of too attractive
a nature - far rather resay
at certain seasons all the
rustic lovers of the neighbour-
-hood - and many a tale of
joy & woe is whispered in
the silence of the spot - I
could not help smiling at
the simplicity of my guide
when he told me that "the
rocks could tell strange tales

26. if they could robust talk -
The rock which Hargrove calls
a 'rock idol' absurdly attribu-
ting it (in my opinion) to the
handicraft of Druids - is cer-
tainly a wonderful effect
of storm & time upon loose
calcareous or friable matter -
and at the first view the
mind is convinced that it
must be the work of art
and made to resemble
an immense vase but
on more mature reflection
& inspection this idea is
dissipated for every singu-
larity of the rock may
be found separate in var-
ious parts of these natural
ruins - Its dimensions are
pretty nearly as follows -
height 18 feet - round the small
part of the pedestal 8 feet
& 2 inches - round the thickest
part of the body immediate-
ly above the pedestal 48 feet
& 4 in. - its situation is on
the edge of the western pre-
cipice as it faces the setting
sun and I had the satisfac-

27.
-tion of beholding from this spot a most splendid display of that glorious luminescence to other regions - Some of the rocks bear rude resemblance to the larger monsters of the forest & with a very little help of the imagination the spectator beholds where ever he turns his eye - elephants lions - bears & other beasts dispersed in various attitudes amongst huge columns & fragments of rock - the rocks & perforations & tilted canon rocks are the most difficult to acct for as they are long & cylindrical traversing the centre of different rocks in different directions - For Hargraves opinion of them see his book - The highest of the rocks from its own base does not exceed 50 feet - Some very huge ones have been rifted into several masses - the surfaces of which would exactly fit together if brought to join others stand like inverted

28. cones upon square pedestals
I took some sketches of the
most curious ones - I had a
great deal of conversation
with my host whose name
is Mr Spooner & he is a curi-
ous character & pretty full
of information when with
difficulty his mind is unlock-
ed - though there are now
no trees of consequence on
this mountain (I saw but
a young oak - an holly & an
ash) it was formerly covered
by a thick forest & filled
with birds & beasts of chase.
subterranean wood is often
found in the boggy places.
the oak is generally in a
fossil state - so hard & black
that when cut & polished
it is more durable & beau-
tiful than the best ebony
a man not far hence had
a table whose feet were
made of this material which
were particularly beautiful. but
the fir wood which is more

commonly discovered is of 29.
a very different and far more
useful nature - it burns slowly
& well, emitting a bright &
steady flame. When a tree
of this kind is found by a
poor man it is cut into
small-long pieces of the size
of common candles or perhaps
rather longer - and tied up
into bundles which are made
of two sizes - the small
size is sold for 3^d the large
for 6^d & bunch - They are
used by the poor instead
of candles during winter
being carried about the house
& used in a similar manner.
- the root if cut off & laid
upon the fire will continue
burning for a very great length
of time & seldom fails to emit
a flame sufficiently bright to
enable persons to spin
in the dark winter nights.

These trees are found in dig-
ging for peat which is the
common fuel here - Very large
ones are some times found & of
these much money is made

30. by the way above men-
-tioned - This mountain is
very high & is surrounded by
others of so lofty an emi-
-nence & in particular where
-side that Spooner can
remember snow lying upon
it 'till Sept^r - As I was
drawing amongst the rocks
it being a cold wind from
the north I am pretty con-
-fident that a large flock
of field ^{there were ring ouzels} ~~partridge~~ came with
the wind over my head
a very extraordinary cir-
-cumstance for the 19th of
Aug^t - Goats were wild here
like within these few years
when they were found to do
so much damage to the
neighbouring farmers that
they were all shot & the
rabbits also - Wild Cat used
to be very numerous in
these crags & they are now
found rather ~~too~~ plentifully
in Netherdale - Spooner
has taken them in his fox
traps of an extraordinary

31
size - The remembrance a large
old wild cat being pursued by
a pack of hounds 20 in num-
ber & being closely attacked
it turned round & standing
at the foot of a tree it defend-
ed itself with so much skill
& courage that it presently
vanquished the whole pack
for whenever any hound came
within reach the cat struck
a blow with so much force
against the side of its head
as to send it away howling
& streaming with blood. in
this manner it beat all the
hounds & then ascended the
tree in which it was again
assailed by the larger brutes,
the men & being knocked
down the hounds took cour-
age from the courageous con-
duct of their lord & master
& men & dogs altogether fell
upon & murdered the unhap-
py cat - a friend of Spooner
found a cat's nest in an
hollow tree in Ketherdale
it contained two young ones

32. That were blind - he carries them away & one of them was kept for some years at a mill in this neighbourhood where it grew to an enormous size in consequence I suppose of regular & good living, and was of a desperate courage & power - it was able to make an end of ordinary sized dogs with the same ease that common cats devour rats & mice - They are hardy animals in their wild state & generally affect elevated situations & always among crags & precipices. It is so hard upon such The chief characteristic is in the very bushy tail it is finely ringed with grey & black - the head small & round - the general colour a fine grey delicately streaked with black - The brow of this race on the north side is completely available by the northern storms & is very bleak

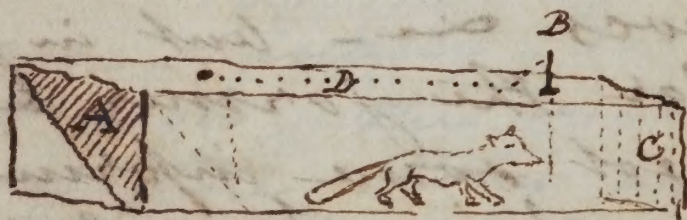
33.

Amongst other objects seen
from these rocks is Pendle
hill, at least the summit of
it, immediately over Wharfe
side - There are a great
number of ring ouzels here
which are called Moor Ouzels
they arrive ^{sometime in} about March &
depart about Michaelmas. I
was glad to hear this as it
confirms the migration of
these birds as described by
White in his Nat. Hist. of Sel-
borne - At Brinham they
breed amongst the rocks &
ling - few birds are seen
- but on their arrival here
when the broods are reared
they are seen in considera-
- ble flocks - the cock usually
arrives first he perches
upon some eminence &
begins to whistle which
he continues in a loud
tone 'till he procures a
mate - I enquired for

34 The Cairns or Tumuli
mentioned by Margrove. I
saw but the remains of
two - They were situated
about the centre of the moor
upon which the rocks stand
- nothing more than the
base remained. There were
several others of various
dimensions - but they have
been destroyed & the stones
carried away for the mending
of roads to save the
trouble of breaking fresh
ones - The general form of
these tumuli was pyrami-
dical or rather conical.
The base was surround-
ed & supported by large
stones standing 3 or 4
feet high. The usual num-
ber of these stones was 13.
The tumulus itself was
composed of a vast quantity
of stones mingled with
gravel or sand filled up

in the form mentioned³⁵.
at the very bottom & in the
centre of each tumuli was
placed the ashes or remains
of the mighty chief it was
intended to celebrate -
I felt much irritated a-
gainst the overseer of
the estate that could allow
of these tumuli being destruc-
ed for the purpose of mending
roads - when so many
stones could otherwise be
procured - I found the largest
tumulus nearly 50 feet in
diameter - Ed Spooner
in his younger days a famous
hunter of all kinds of vermin
& wild beasts - Foxes - Hares
or Brocs &c - but in par-
ticular the former & there-
fore got some information
from him by a system
of questions - He was employ-
ed to catch foxes for all
the considerable hounds in

36 the surrounding country.
He shew'd me the trap he ge-
nerally used - It was a long
square box abt 4 feet long made
something like a square of
the inside resembling a long
trap 9 or 10 inches high &
as many wide - At one end
was a Door which pulls up
in the inside by means of
a string which is carried thro
a hole & fastened to the
other end by a stick th is
thrust in - when the fox ar-
rives at the far end of the
box which is gated he meets
with this stick & pulling
it out the string is wound
& the door falls down
behind him & he is taken



A. the door obliquely
down

This is a very simple method scarcely any art being used as the Fox is starved into the box - the plan of taking them after this method is as follows - a Fox is traced in the snow to his hole in the rocks - the trap is then thrust into it. The door being of course to the inside & the grated part on the outside. If the cage is of larger dimensions than the box, which is usually the case, the vacant space thro' which the fox could escape is carefully walled up. This being done no further art or care is necessary for it is easy to perceive thro' the grate at the end of the box when the unlucky fox is taken. The fox which is perhaps of all animals the most crafty immediately perceives the box to be a very sufficient cause of apprehension and will on no account enter it till the pangs of hunger compel him to venture into it as the last means of deliverance from his distress.

38. vile. Spooner told me that he has known old foxes remain for 18 days in their earth before they would take the bait and he said there had been instances in that part of the country when they remained 19 days - a great length of time to exist without support, if their cove of food was none - He said that he once caught a very large fox which had a tail of a pure white & that he sold it to a man who made much money of it by shewing it as a foreign wild beast at Beverly - Having sat some time with old Spooner & the harri-
-dan & supped on old milk cheese I sat out attended by Spooner as my guide, to the cottage in which I was to pass the night. Our way led through the rocks. it was a clear moonlight night & the scene was awfully mag

-insistent - our path was narrow
winding and exceedingly rugged
it wound amongst some of the
largest rocks that appeared
through the pale light of the
moon as the ruins of a world
occasional Caprimulgi flitted
across. These birds are common
& breed here - An old spooner was
a picturesque object leading
the way with a large staff
in his hand - his grey locks
fine countenance & bending
attitude tho' of healthy old age
were in perfect unison with
the scenery - I followed in pro-
found silence deeply enjoy-
ing the pleasing solemnity &
grandeur of the spot & carry-
ing a pike in my hand
Knowing what kind of a
place I was going to pass
the night in - In due time
we stopped at the door of a
low cottage - it was inhabited
by a person I think of the
name of Robinson, he was
a weaver of line & the house
chiefly inhabited by men -

40. Spooner left me in their hands - I slept or rather tried to sleep in a room on the 2^d floor, indeed I believe there was no other floor, filled with lime & lighted by a very small window - Thro' which I could see faces looking at me after I had got into bed - had I not some degree of confidence this might have alarmed me - I thought the sheets were damp I therefore got scarcely any sleep & passed a very restless night -

93rd Day / Rose between 6 & 7 o'clock
Aug. 19. I gave the people of the house a shilling for my bed & went up to Spooners house to breakfast - It was a very fine morning & the sun shone brightly I therefore enjoyed that beautiful effect in landscape ^{the} which Beattie so exquisitely describes in his minstrel which is the beams of the sun chasing away the mists from the misty caverns - York minster appeared very distinctly from Spooners door at which I

sat enjoying the scenery. At
the exhilarating morning air
still breakfast was getting ready
by the old dame within.
After breakfast I immediately
commenced my drawing &
made several sketches of
the most interesting parts of
the rocks - Old Spooner stand-
ing by all the time entertain-
ing & instructing me by tales
of his youth & anecdotes of
vermin & hunting. Amongst
others he told me a remarkable
instance of cursing on the Fox.
One fine moonlight night in
the depth of winter being in the
fields - he saw seven foxes en-
ter a large square inclosure
altogether - in the centre of this
field was a poor hare endea-
vouring to feed thro' the snow.
The foxes watched it for some short
time when they appeared to hold
a council of war and at length
separating - they each went &
took its appointed station going
all round the field & complet-
ed by surrounding the hare they contrived

42. In their circle by degrees 'till
the unfortunate hare was com-
-pletely hemmed in & presented
front escaping - the foxes had ta-
-ken this method in preference
to a general pursuit because they
were aware of their inferiority
of speed - the hare was not ap-
-prehensive of foul play 'till
closely invested when attempting
to leap over the circle she
was seized and instantly fell
a sacrifice to the body of foxes
who bore her away in triumph
to the edge of an adjoining wood
where they halted and Spooner
was a witness to a general
engagement which ensued a-
-mongst them to decide which
of them should become the
sole possessor of the prey - after
a desperate battle - one old fox
of a large size & grey with
experience which seemingly
had commanded the whole
body - after great exertion became
the victor beat the others
from the field & bore away
the hare in full trot down

13.

a large field. Spooner, delighted with what he had seen took no further steps that night but on the following morning he visited the field of battle which being covered with snow shewed the various evolutions & marks of a desperate combat but his object was to trace the conqueror which he easily did on account of the streams of blood that proceeded from the poor hare and marked the footsteps of the despoiler having pursued it for some distance he came to a spot beyond which it was evident no footsteps had wandered here to his great surprise he beheld a pile of snow of a pyramidical or conical form having the outward surface carefully smoothened & compressed round the base where the marks of the fox's feet - he opened the tomb of snow and at the bottom he found the identical hare

44. he had seen destroyed. Its head
and neck had been eaten off
in other respects it was entire
and of a very large size. Another
very curious circumstance
attended this singular event.
at first Spooner could not per-
ceive any traces which mark-
ed the retreat of the fox
from this place where it
had deposited the hare seeing
no footsteps but those by ^{which}
it had arrived. but at length
on a close inspection he dis-
covered that the Fox had
with the utmost care & atten-
tion retrod its footsteps. par-
ticularly avoiding any new
impression on the snow in
order I suppose as much
as possible to prevent a disco-
very of the place where its
prey was deposited. Spooner
said that it was a great per-
fection in a terrier dog to have
a very sharply-pointed nose &
a deep breast. He recollected
the circumstance of old Col.
Thornton raising his volunteers
in the time of the rebellion

of 1745 and was with them⁴⁵.
in camp for sometime near
Bedale - he related a story
which, if true, is very singu-
-lar, and which was known
nearly to the whole army on
its return - It was related by
the natives of the country im-
-mediately about Culloden
moor that on the very
day 12 months preceding
the decisive battle fought on
that moor between the Eng-
-lish & the rebels - a vast num-
-ber of the common house-
-sparrows assembled on the
moor and fought so long
& so desperately that the ground
for a considerable space was
strewn with the dead in-
-so much that many peo-
-ple who witnessed the cir-
-cumstance took up many
skuffles full - amounting in
the whole to several bushels.
This was told to the British
army after the victory in
a superstitious manner

46 Spooner gave me some account of Mr. Yorke of Richmond who resides some part of the year in this neighbourhood and who has built a mock ruin above a rocky precipice in Ketherdale - an account that gave me very great delight. He is a gentleman of ancient family & very good fortune perhaps not less than £20,000. & annum - the greater part of this sum he regularly expends in ameliorating the condition of indigent poor. Indeed the whole lower class of the community - he never allows an opportunity of healing the sick - feeding the hungry & cloathing the naked - to escape him - it is said that he merely reserves from his income sufficient to support his own family - all the rest is expended in the above manner - I was told several anecdotes illustrating this high character.

About 4 o'clock having finished 47.
all the investigation I thought
it necessary to make on this cu-
-rious & very interesting spot
I took my leave & proceeded
towards Ripon - Spooner accom-
-panied me with his faithful
terrier 15 years old - he went
about 2 miles with me to point
out a shorter road & he seemed
a good deal affected at parting
with me - I admired & felt
an attachment for this poor
old man who by nature
possessed a mind very far su-
-perior to many others in a
higher sphere in life - we
shook hands vigorously & parted
-ed - about the middle of Saw-
-ley moor from which I en-
-joyed some enchanting
views - rich valleys - the tower
of Fountains Abbey - Ripon Min-
-ster - the vale of
York - wolds - Hambleton
hills - toward the north
Raschevery Topham - the hills
of Cleveland & extensive moors,

48. And to render this walk yet more interesting several broods of muir fowl which if I mistake not Burns calls the "whirring gar cock" rose in my path and whirled their buzzing flight before me. This moor abounds with the Tetras Scoticus or common red grouse - About 2 miles from Brimham I spied Granthley on my left the seat of Mr. Lord Granthley the owner of Brimham - the situation is delightful & the land rich but I did not visit it - a little further I turned off on my right, through the field, towards Studley intending if possible to sleep there instead of going to Ripon 'till I had finished at Fountains Abbey fearing my being delayed by meeting with Brunton. My walk was very delightful through fields highly cultivated & through a corn

49.
- jidorable part of Studley
Park - When I arrived at Stud-
ley - I was chagrined to find
that I could not have a bed
there - I was therefore obliged
to go forwards to Ripon which
I found filled with people
of almost every description
it being the annual feast
of St Willfrid which lasts
some days - I was sorry to
arrive at such a public
time - but I nevertheless man-
aged through the mob with
a cosy air much to their
edification & divertisement
they being altogether at a
loss to conjecture satisfactori-
ly concerning me - It was
evening & I was too much
tired to call on Branton
or do much that evening.

94th Day / After breakfast I
9th Aug: 20. wrote 'till about
11 o'clock when I sat out
for Studley with my draw-
ing utensils - at the inn

50. I filled a small bottle with brandy & got a sandwich then provisions I took with me because there is no place to dine at there - Being arrived at the Abbey I was some time in determining what point of view first to take it in - At length I fixed upon the west chiefly on the account of losing part of the vast Dead wall seen in most other points of view besides this has the advantage of shewing a good specimen of the architecture of the whole in an artist-like manner - Over the west window taken in this view is one of the various allusions to Thurstan Archbishop of York found about this abbey - such are curious remains of Monkish wit if they are really intended as puns which it has

31.
always been said they are
This is merely a Thrush ^{standing}
singing upon a Tree - Thinking
from the size & sculpture
of the supposed Thrush that
it did not much resemble
the bird so called - when I
was here some few years
ago I hinted it to the per-
son who conducted our
party round the grounds
he instantly replied to
my suspicion "Lord bless
you, Sir, why don't you
know Thrushes were big-
ger in those days?" I
laughed heartily at the
man's simplicity & said
no more - At the south end
of the crop ile on the outside
of a high narrow gothic
window which I have drawn
in one of my views is another
allusion to the name of
Thruston & as I suppose
another specimen of monk-
ish wit - in this sculpture

52. are also represented a Thrush
& a tun but in this an an-
-gel is introduced between
the bird & the tun holding
the latter in its hands with
outstretched wings - the tun
bears the initials - Per-
-haps the introduction of
the angel may here be
meant as some kind of atone-
-ment for the liberties ^{now} ~~in~~
had been taken with the
name of Thurstan - It may
be that a Thrush & a tun
might be the fit emblem
of some peculiar quali-
-fications or traits of charac-
-ter in Thurstan to clear
this up it will be necessary
to consult his memoirs
farther than I am at pre-
-sent acquainted with
them - The best parts of
this Abbey are strictly kept
cocked up I could there-
fore only visit those parts
which were open amongst

there were the Cloisters which
are beyond all comparison
the best & finest I have seen
They are about 300 feet long
& 36 wide - being supported
by 21 pillars allowing the
two end ones which are
cut sections - these pillars
also differ from those I have
hitherto examined however
their form will be the best
seen & known from a re-
-presence to the sketch of
the inside of these cloisters
which I attempted notwith-
-standing the great diffi-
culty of managing aright
the complicated perspective
and I am so ignorant
scientifically of that art
but in these cases I always
go by & depend upon the
accuracy of sight unaid-
-ed by rule - The river as
wrote that runs by the
abbey & which is called the
skell paper under the south

5A. end of these cloisters run-
ning with a fine murrur-
ing noise through a covered
arch way of abt 4 arches
but I was sorry to find
some of the arches giving
way & I fear that in a
short time hence a free
passage from one end to
the other of these cloisters
will no longer be open
bows are suffered to come
in here which are our prin-
cipal cause of this demoli-
tion - thus a few paltry
cows are suffered to destroy
one of the finest buildings
in England - The situation
of this abbey is very happily
chosen - Both wood stone
& water all close to the
scite - It is very strongly built
the great tower I think
will yet stand for some
ages if no foul play is
used - tho' there is a crack
on the east & west side

Its decorations have been elegant if not very rich -
 The birds (Falco Tinnunculus) breed every year in the great Tower in a place not easily accessible it being on the very top of the wall. I saw the old birds frequently & heard them feed their young often - the latter making a great outcry on that occasion - I took my leave in the evening & returned to Ripon thro the Park & by Studley. This Park is a fine study for many of the larger kinds of forest trees where beech elm oak & the oak grow to the utmost luxuriance. I have observed an effect here I have seen nowhere else - the lower branches of many trees & chestnut oak in particular here fall straight down nearly to the ground hanging in the most elegant festoons whilst the

56 tops grow strong & upright
- This circumstance is princi-
- pally observable in the low
- covered walks & must be
- owing to weakness in conse-
- quence of being too thick
- & perhaps in moist si-
- tuations - On my arri-
- val in Ripon I dispatched
- a messenger for my friend
- Bruntow to come & sup
- with me but he was
- gone to the play & I spent
- the evening with a fat
- bellied ignorant traveller

95th Day. Aug. 25. After writing a little
when breakfast was
over this morning I called
on Bruntow. I found him
in his shop culling of simples.
I thought he looked ill. he
is not calculated to live
long I am dear off. I felt
grieved at his appearance
tho' we were glad to
see each other. I agreed
to dine with him & the

to our with me - after 57.
which we walked to a
hill at the east end of the town
now called Ell-shaw-hill - it is
one of the largest tumuli I have
seen & is ancient - I have made
frequent enquiry respecting the
Ells croft mentioned in history
as being near York where El-
la King of the Northumbrians
was slain by the Danes &
could never discover any
name or tradition concern-
ing it - Mayrhoth supposes
this place to be the one
alluded to & Ell-shaw hill
the tumulus erected over
him & his followers slain
there - The opposition de-
serves consideration & cre-
dit - perhaps it is the only
possible origin for the
hill - that it is composed
of layers of gravel & human
bodies is beyond dispute as
may easily be discovered by
perforating the sides &

58. The surface where the her-
bage has been torn away
is even now covered with
human bones or fragments
of them that are very old.
A single tree grows on the
top apparently of late growth.
I therefore do not believe
in the truth of Hargroves
theory respecting the chrono-
logy of the sword stone
as I understand there never
has been found any re-
mains of old blood here.
There are other tumuli of a
lesser magnitude in the nei-
ghbourhood - I went & dined
with Bruntorpe - at table I
met a very stupid youth
of his acquaintance - I began
to suspect B is extremely
vain & has too high an
opinion of his own talents,
being at times very obstinate
in error but at present
it would be bad policy in

me to combat him much⁵⁹
as I think he would not
hear it - His botanical &
chymical knowledge I sup-
pose is great from report
tho' I suspect much of it
to consist in technical
names a kind of wisdom
I have a very mean opi-
- nion of - To day also after
dinner I thought that I
perceived full & sufficient
evidence when a little
in his cups that he would
like to be paid for any lit-
- tle information he may
add to my work if I let
him in God's name com-
- mence author himself
I have a taste of the trade
However the day was plea-
- santly spent & in the
evening he went & supped
with ~~me~~ - at table were
many travellers & what
I have hinted as above
was more forcibly evinced
he appeared ridiculously

60. vain & affected - however I
allowed him to cut up &
make as much fun of
the travellers as possible
may I gave him a Ciff
where I could - The evening
was spent in regard to us
two very agreeably - I like
him with all his faults
he is far superior to the
mob -

96th Day / I immediately after
^{aug: 22.} breakfast I proceed-
ed to Studley & Fountains
I began to colour a little of
my next view - did some
more at my Claviter view
& began one of the south
end of the Croft, Isle on
the outside - I heard Ca-
wens & saw several
Kings fishers - I also heard
the Motacilla Linpus.
I dined at Studley on a very
nice cold dinner - On my
return to Ripon I found
Bruntow waiting for me
to go & sup with him

61.
I to meet a Mr Haigh
a surgeon - I accordingly
went but the evening went
off rather dull. Mr Haigh
was stupid & one of B's sisters
the most disagreeable of the two
fished too much with her
eyes - I should not forget to
note that on this evening
before I went to Brumby
he introduced me to a Mr
Gordon who resides at Foun-
tain's hall & is a steward
to Mr Allison - he seemed
an intelligent man & in-
vited me to dine with
him ~~the~~ next day - an
invitation I gratefully
accepted - I very much liked
the first impression made
on my mind by this man.
This evening also I wrote
to my uncle William
to inform him of my ap-
proach to Carr - and
when I proposed being
there

6297th Day / I was eager
^{Aug: 23.} to set out to
Fountains abbey this morn-
ing - Today I went thro
the grounds & at the first
gate borrowed a key of
the abbey which I had
not before done - I would
take no guide through
the gardens though it was
many years since I saw
them before - If the formal
square & round ponds
& walks have a head of
fect the statues certain-
ly have not as ~~seen~~ thro
different openings in the
trees - Besides, it would be
a circumstance of great
regret should this ground
which is a fine specimen
of the old English & Dutch
style of gardening - When
got thro' the gardens the
walk of a few hundred
yards to the abbey lies along

63

The banks of the Skell a beautiful small creek running close by the abbey I saw several Kingfishers on this brook. I took a drawing of the effaced floor of the altar table the low floor is about 27 feet long & 18 feet broad - the upper or small floor ^{contg} the most minute work in the drawing is 16 feet long & 10 feet wide - The shafts which support the ^{arches of} cross aisle are peculiarly elegant on acct of their thinness but they have been surrounded by 8 small columns each - there is a figure of a Knight Templar either a Howleray or a Percy - it is thought the latter. That is now thrown on one side it is ancient & did a few years ago cover a stone coffin to the right of the altar - the coffin is now in its original place - of 6 feet long - There are some in

64 a description that must be
made out on my return
Quitting the church which ap-
peared to me abt. 350 feet long
on the left hand door from
the altar I came into a court
120 feet square - now pleasing-
ly laid out in a garden. On
the left hand side of the court
is a door into the cemetery
called here the chapter house
in front a finely arched gate
way into the Refectory on the
right. Opposite to the ce-
metery one into the cloisters
over that the dormitory. This
is a ^{collegially} perfect & a very interest-
ing part of the abbey. The gar-
den in the court has a
beautiful effect & notwith-
standing the opposition of
many men of approved taste
does credit to the steward
Mr Gordon - It has originally
been a bare court or perhaps
a garden therefore what im-
propriety can there be in
its being a garden now.
In the cemetery are several

65

tombstones of abbots with inscrip-
-tion chiefly in Saxon cha-
-racters. Some altogether il-
-legible on one the follow^g
appeared clear "Hic requiescit
Dominus Johannes 10th abbas
de Fontitum Qui Obiit VIII
Die Decembris" — Mr. Gordon
opened two of them a few years
ago but found nothing save
a few mouldering bones. I
persuaded him to open the re-
-maining ones but he seem-
ed to have no relish for
it. here are the remain-
-ing imperfect of upalated
Pavement — the whole floor
has been covered — the pattern
great in some places beau-
-tiful but too imperfect
to deserve drawing — there are
also the remains of some
columns ~~all~~ ^{so} which have
supported the roof long since
fallen these columns are of
Derbyshire blue marble con-
-taining limestone bed with
petrified substances — all

66 round the feet of the walls
of this cemetery are two steps one
above the other - I suppose for
the purpose of enabling specta-
tors to see - funeral ser-
vice or any other that might
be performed - For dimensions
& other particulars respecting the
rooms of this Abbey see Farrars
Hist: of Ripon - The architecture
& elegance of the church is very
much inferior to that of Rib-
-vauld - I staid in & about the
ruin 'till one o'clock when
Mr Gordon came to me &
carried me home with him
to Fountain's hall to dinner
The appearance of this building
is extremely venerable & com-
-pactly & ghastly hall of gray
-renown - it is situated about
2 or 300 yards beyond the
abbey embosomed in a ^{woody} ~~valley~~
valley on the banks of the
same Skell - It is a fine
specimen of the style of archi-
-ecture used in country houses
in the reign of Elizabeth - It
was built in or about that

reign by Sir Stephen Proctor
out of the ruins of the Abbey
at the time of dissolution, i.e.
some after however - It has
square towers at the two
ends - then the two old fash-
ioned gables - one on each side
the centre tower. The windows
except a very few modern al-
terations by its present owner
or resident, are very large stone
casements with small panes.
The outside is curiously decora-
ted by figures supported on the
ground of tradition & probabili-
ty to have been taken from
the Abbey - A balcony over
the principal or front entrance
has the old & clumsy balustrade
adorned by five statues of
rude sculpture - according
to the inscriptions on the pe-
destals they severally repre-
sent Joshua - Judas Maccabeus
Aug. Caesar - Julius Caesar &
Alexander of Macedon - a strange
mixture - below these in
two niches on each side
over the door - are two

68. exceedingly rude & weather
beaten statues - one of Mars
the other of Saturn eating his
children having got one by
the leg in the act of eating
his foot - There is a curious
ly carved gateway at a little
distance from the house lead-
ing to it - on the left side
of this is the inscription
"Benedicite Fontes Domino"
which Buntow supposes
to be meant as a pun upon
the Abbey of Fountains. In
the dining room is some of the
most ancient tapestry I have
seen & it is in good preserva-
tion - three sides of the room
are occupied by it - on one
is represented Thetis giving di-
rections to Vulcan concerning
the armour of Achilles - the
next is of any made - the last
the rape of Proserpine - The
chapel is a large room - the
principal window is filled
with painted glass representing
the arms of various considera-

ble families which are 69.
minutely described by War-
-groue - over the chimney piece
which is altogether a curious
& rude piece of sculpture is
carved the Judgement of Sol-
-mon in rather a ludicrous
manner - The ground behind
the house is so high so close
joins the back of the house
that there is a door opens
from the fields directly into
this chapel for the accomo-
-dation of country people com-
ing to worship - notwithstanding
that to the front of this
house it is three stories
or thereabouts above the ground.
I was extremely hospitably
entertained by Mr. Gordon whose
kindness & affability I shall
long remember - amongst his
good cheer he gave me some
of the best & strongest ale I
ever drank it was seven
years old in cask & of a deep
brown - the compleat brown
October of Thompson - he had
alder in the cellar -

10. Mr Gordon who from the na-
-ture of his situation as Steward
must have been well informed
assured me that there is about
600 acres in these gardens &
Park. Mr. Aiscluy gave £20,000
g. for the Fountain's estate
not many years ago - he gave
far more than it was worth
merely for the sake or at
least principally so of joining
the Abbey to his grounds. This
gentleman also left in his
will 1000 pounds I am
in order to keep the gar-
-dens in repair - There is
an ancient stone building on
the hill amongst trees be-
-tween Fountain's hall &
the Abbey which has doubtless
been built & used as a mill
by the Monks - Kites breed
in the woods here I heard
its cry frequently - it much
resembles that of a child -
In the evening went to the
Open trees on the opposite
side of the hill from the

71.
hall under which the Monks
dwelt before the Abbey was
built - They are six in num-
ber & very great curiosities
there were formerly 7 - the
largest of them measures in
circumference 26 feet - they
have every appearance
of being at the least 1000
years old & they must have
been considerable trees when
the Monks sheltered under
them in the 11th or 12th cen-
-tury - they are close to each
other & probably the parents
of the many other trees of
the same species all about
this neighbour hood - maybe
propagated by the famous
Robin Hood who for a
long time haunted this nei-
-ghbourhood - There are several
dates about the Abbey one of
1483 or 1283 - I do not
read - I returned to Ripon after
a very pleasant day abt eight in
the evening & had Branton to
sup with me - the evening was
very agreeably spent

72. 98th Day / After breakfast
Aug. 24. got my baggage
ready for departure - Saw
some Yeomanry Cavalry drawn
up in the market place for
inspection - They are command
ed by Lord Grantham - Went
& stood in Bruntow's shop
talking to him whilst he
was culling of simples - He
told me of a curious custom
formerly & indeed within a
very few years that was obser
ved here on the removal
of any of the inhabitants out
of one street into another or
on one coming to reside in
the place - The person so
removing was obliged by the
custom to set a table at
the door of his house in the
street & place upon it - ale
& bread & cheese for his neigh
-bours & others to partake
or for any passers in
the street - This was to
stand for a stated time

Brunton remembered his 73.
own father doing it. To save
myself the trouble of writing
them here I may refer myself
for to topographical particulars
respecting this town to Har-
groves & Farrar's Histories.
Between 11 & 12 o'clock I set
out for Fairfield - the coun-
try rich - fruitful & woody
occasional glimpses of the
Hambledon & Cleveland
mountains. I stopped at the
Grange about 4 miles from
Ripon to call on Cal: Dalrymple
with whom I have corres-
ponded on the subject of
Ornithology I was sorry to
find him not at home
I however was delighted by
the sight of two of his children
young girls playing under
a tree - with the most beau-
tiful countenances & musical
voices I ever saw & heard
they appeared about 3 or 4
years old and were perfect-
ly lovely & fascinating

74. A little further on I passed by
the seat of Col D's father on
my left - Got to West Tanfield
to an early dinner - after which
walked to Tharkeborough Moor
where are several ancient en-
campments of very large di-
mensions - some being 300
feet in diameter being circles
surrounded by Mounds - there
was a roman station on
this moor - it is now chief-
ly enclosed & is arable land
of a good quality - the plat-
forms of most if not all
the encampments themselves
are ploughed & produce corn.
Whether or not these camps
are Danish I have some
connection with the etymo-
logy of Tanfield or Tanfield
perhaps remains to be proved
In the lane leading to the
above moor I met a woman
who seemed unusually amorous
inclined which presently un-
settled me - but however I got
away untainted tho' I could not

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help regretting my coyness when
too late to recompence her
proposed kindness. Margrove is
tolerably accurate in his acct
of the chief encampment. On
my return to Tanfield I took
a sketch of the remains of
the Castle which consist of
but one mazy square tower
on the banks of the Yore near
the Church. The bridge here
tho' a good one of three arches
has no particular curiosity
or beauty about it. The river
here abounds with fish. par-
ticularly - Umber Trout & Sal-
mon. The latter species has
been taken here of 20 lbs
weight. & the distance from
the sea is at least 100 miles.
In the Church are several
curious & ancient monuments
chiefly of the marmon family one
tolerably fine one in White
marble I think it will be
necessary to draw. The houses
in Tanfield are in general

76. Old & ill built - On a stone
over the door of the Leatons
dwelling ^{at the time of the revolution} are these words

'Si Floreat Religio. Vivo.

M. B. 1668.

It is a long straggling village
not uninteresting & situated
on the North Bank of the river
Yore - I believe the Manor
belongs to the Earl of Aylesbury
I quitted it for Masham rather
late in the evening - the view
from the hill behind into the
vale of York is very fine - the
scenery to Masham through
a rich & well cultivated coun-
try is fine - Put up at Light
Foot the King's head at Mas^{ham}
9th Aug. 25. From an eagerness
to be forward I defer my re-
marks & here 'till my re-
turn. The column of sculptured
grit in the church yard is
a curiosity of great antiquity
& tradition says it came
from some neighbouring

27
abbey at the dissolution. Men
birds & quadrupeds are repre-
sented in different attitudes
upon its sides. About half
way between Masham & Middle-
ham on the right of the
road are the remains of Jer-
vaulx Abbey - but they are
now scarcely worth visiting
for melancholy to relate. Near-
ly the whole has been des-
troyed for the materials to
mend roads with. What will
the lovers of antiquity & all
wise & good men say to this
when they are told, in aggra-
vation of the crime - in
many people's eyes - the sacri-
legious crime, that this is
a country abounding with
stones & every necessary ma-
terial for the making &
mending of roads. Of Jervaulx
Abbey nothing now remains
save a few low dead walls
& a single gateway which
appears to have been a pri-

78. : wate door into the church
the pediments of some of whose
grand columns may yet be
seen amongst the rubbish
that which I judge to have
been the cemetery was not long
ago converted into a kitchen
garden in doing which se-
veral curious stone coffins
with inscriptions were found
many of these have been
carried away & converted to
various mean purposes - I have
drawings of a few with
the inscriptions - The country
people here asured me of a
subterraneous passage leading
from this Abbey to Mr. Scruby's
house on the other side of
the river being at the least
a mile & an half distant
passing under the bed of
the river you from the
banks of which the Abbey
is distant about 250 yards -
The course of this passage it
seems has been proved by
the circumstance of a man

actually gaily from the 79
abbey by it means to the
house in question - Perhaps
the very gateway I have mention-
ed, tho' the only ornamented
or beautiful piece of architecture
about the place, would also
be dilapidated, unless it were
that it serves as a door into
the garden planted upon the
hallowed cemetery - It is the property
of the Earl of Aylesbury - From
hence to Middleham 5 miles
several fine views of the castle
lost thro' the trees on this road
back'd by the mountains of
Wensleydale - the sun made
a glorious set & wrapped the
hills the woods & vale in a
magnificent yet soft & sub-
dued glow of a golden hue.
I put up at the White Swan
in the Market place Mr Barton
now come to curious adven-
ture, a girl waited upon me
at my first entrance into
this house whose person had
a strange & a strong effect
upon me - her face was
particularly handsome with

80 her person was nearly perfect
in feminine beauty if not elegance
her bosom but partially seen
thro' a muslin handkerchief
was of a whiteness I never saw
paralleled - consequence of her
charms - a strange part of my
constitution that I tremble so
extremely & am so violently
agitated in the presence of
fascinating beauty - can scarce-
ly eat - I was so far fired
that I could not resist the
impulse I felt to become
rather warmly intimate
with this girl - I had the
fortune to make considera-
ble impression upon her - her
temperament was very warm
& easily worked upon I suc-
ceeded quite as far as I
wished this evening -

A little before dusk I walked
out & viewed the Town
Castle &c - I saw a vast
number of Bats playing over
the stagnant water of the
inner moat & observed a cir-
-cumstance I do not recol-
-lect before noticing. Several

times saw the Bat dip St.
in the water like the com-
mon swallow and when I
threw stones at them they avoi-
ded the blow with an incom-
parable reading of wing -
Above the chief market cross
is another called the swine
market which is has a
kind of building in the mid-
dle consisting of a flight of
steps on each side & upon
the top at one end is the
rude representation of some
animal probably a boar &
at the other a kind of vase.
It appears ancient & has
something of this form



There is also a piece of sculp-
ture in the back wall of
an house adjoining the castle

82. of a crucifixion tolerably done
this was said to be taken out
of the castle - if it was it most
likely stood in the chapel - per-
haps it came from Coverham
Abbey - Tradition here says
that the Prince son of Rich-
ard was born in that angle
of the Castle pointing to the
market place & which I
have drawn in my sketch
I saw the remains of a
large apartment in it - there
is a room underneath now
occupied by a carpenter
or sawyer - I saw Capt.
Bryan at the head of about
100 of Middleham volun-
teers which form part of
the Loyal Dales Volunteers
one of the finest bodies of
men abt. 1600 - to be found in
Europe - under the command
of Col. Strawnenzie - of Pen-
nithorne - It was dark
when I got to the inn
again - successful with
my request - partly made
her promise to admit

me - In the middle of 83.
the night I rise & grope my
way to her room - find ano-
ther girl sleeping with her
a tickle businsp to manage
her attitude asleep - it makes
me more imprudent - I fear
her making an alarm on
being awakened - am saved
that way tho it is with
great difficulty I get be-
tween the sheets - occasion-
al alarms from the damsel
on the other side of the bed
my precaution to discover
which was my mamma
before getting in by feeling
&c - I stay about two
hours & spend the time
in great part as I had
withed -

100th Day / Rose by no means
Aug. 26. I refreshed this morn-
ing from the adventure in the
preceeding night neither did
the appearance of the object
of my disquietude serve at
all to compare me. Never-
theless after breakfast I sallied out

84. On the summit of the hill
above the Castle on a very high
eminence is a kind of Encamp-
ment said to have been raised
by Cromwell & on which he is
said to have placed his cannon
to batter down the Castle - which
is now a vast unmeaning
pile of dead & masonry wall
frowning upon one of the
most beautiful vallies in Eng-
land. The market place at
Middleham forms so curious
& singular a view that I
took a pencil sketch of it.
The whole town is composed of
ill built wretched houses except
a few belonging to some persons
in better circumstances - This was
Monday & the market day ^{was}
but so small a market
that I was led to enquire of
cause - Leyburn has got it
from Middleham principally
because the Badgers or corn
dealers could not so convenient-
ly come to middleham because
of the bad roads & there being
no bridge over the river
which they must cross to visit

85
Middleham but not to Leyburn
There is some talk of pulling
down the Tolbooth my Drawl
will therefore be valuable -
From the church yard is
a fine view both up & down
the vale - from one part I
could see the windings of the
river Yare in 10 different places
at once. The river is here
nearly as wide as at York
that so distant. and it abounds
with fish. In one of my walks
I was surprised to find near
100 fishing rods - being hazel
or willow sticks about two
yards long each - stuck into
the banks of the river at
the average distance from
each other of abt 12 yards - to
each of these rods was a line
about the same length having
two large hooks baited with
dew worms: on enquiry I
found that there were for the
purpose of taking eels - but
I was surprised to find nobody
watching them - near a large
town they would soon disappear

86 There rods look up a space
of about half a mile or more
trout & grayling are taken
by the fly & minnow. The
Church is a plain & very un-
interesting building there is no
thing curious in or about it
save a stone of rude sculp-
ture marking the burial
place of Robert Thornton
an Abbot of Jervaux & the
second dean of this church
there is an inscription round
the edge or margin of the
stone but it was half co-
-vered by a new pew & in
such a dark situation
that I could make little
or nothing of it. but it w^d
seem as if monks were
fond of hieroglyphicks
as on this stone there is
a kind of episcopal staff
having a cap or coul upon
the top then R. For ^{each}
side & at the bottom a tur-
as emblematic of the termi-
-nation of Thornton. as in
the case of Thurstan at Bunting-

A promise had been made
me by dint of assiduity. that
my incarnations would admit me
this night but when I got
up between 12 & 1. to put
my scheme in practice I
was sorely disappointed by
finding the door quite fast
& had the mortification to
hear the short breathing
ss. thro' the door. I return
ed to my bed much chagrined
& got little or no sleep
the remainder of the night

10th Day / After hiding for
^{1st Aug. 27.} my disappointment
last night & breakfasting I
sat out for Coverham Abb
in Coverdale. It is called C
ham by the country people.
It is distant about two miles
from Middleham. The road
leading over a part of Mid
dleham moor to the left.
Coverdale is a sweet rich
valley watered by the little
river of Cover & bounded
by mountains of fine & rude

88. outlines - The valley hills
sides are not deficient in
wood - the views are soft
as well as grand & beauti-
-ful - The Abbey is now alas
nearly no more - time has
not even been allowed fair
play for the barbarous hands
& orders together of its present
owner has nearly destroyed
it - if he wanted stones for
awall - the abbey was applied
to or for any other purpose
on his estate - a little before
I got there he had taken
up & broken a long & other-
-wise perfect inscription ⁱⁿ _{to}
he had the impudence to
show me lying in broken
heaps in his yard - & him-
-self over it the barbarian
told me he had plenty of
stones without much trou-
-ble - the knights templars on
each side his garden
gate - different inscriptions
a part fell down not long
ago so large that upwards
of 150 load of stones were

taken away to clear the 89.
road it fell out - from
the small remains I
had difficulty in picking
upon a view worth being
taken - the houses & barns
here were all built out
of the far fallen edifice
This is perhaps a striking
instance of the impropr-
-ity of low men coming in
to the possession of wealth
here is a rude unlettered
barbarian put in the
possession of property such
a wretch could never
know how to value
^{for a fine remark on this head see Johnson's}
to save the trouble of
^{rapids in the adventures of Lady Beaufort}
-ing a little. perhaps 100
yards further for stones
When he had occasion to build
a wall or other convenience
he wd. attack the abbey - the gr-
plot of the Church may yet be
traced - it is situated in a very
low hollow place and several
hundred yards distant from
the river Cover - a narrow
winding stream down the

90. There is a church here containing nothing particularly worthy of notice - its situation is very pleasant on a considerable eminence near which is a fine clump of trees - A very singular circumstance occurred to me here - as I was drawing saw a young lady run by me twice but we scarcely saw each other much less spoke - a little before I went away the woman who lives at the house behind Mr. Lister came to me & asked if I was married - I replied in the negative somewhat surprised she said the young lady was mightily smitten with me with a great deal of nonsense - I treated the whole as a joke & took no further notice of it - but went to examine the inscriptions &c. abt. the house - the two knights templear. that came out of the abbey one on each side the garden gate - I rather think the chief motive Lister had for preserving them was that he thought he might sometime or another get some money for them as we were looking at them he turned to me

with a rascally generous
smile on his countenance &
said "As shouldnt wonder
not at your taste or another
sum. Gimmie a fiction
wad give me maybe and
or three hundred pound
for these acid shafts -"
He then carried me into
his house which is a very
good one & showed me a
drawing of Eborham Abbey
by Malpenny of York - It was
not good - I refused refreshment
& made a hasty retreat
On my return to Middleham
camp I lay myself in drawing
& writing till evening - This
night I again made my
attack on the Heraglis &
was successful to the height
of every wish an impassioned
lover could indulge - Several
hours were spent in pleasure
too great for long endurance
& about 4 in the morning
I creaked back to my own
bed - weak & exhausted yet
my ^{body} language was not of
a disagreeable nature - if my
mind could have been quite
easy under such circumstances -

92 102nd Day / Languid from
aug: 28th want of good
rest for three
nights and more particularly
from the fatigues of the last
night I rose not 'till late
& then unwrashed - after
breakfast I walked to Coun-
sham to finish the view
I had begun the Day before
I saw nothing of the Lady
before mentioned but was
entertained by the poor wo-
man with the same
kind of nonsense as on
the Day before & how the
Lady wished me to see her
I returned to Middle-
ham to a late dinner
after which I drew &
wrote - In the evening was
very much surprised to re-
ceive a note from a lady
signing herself May Waller
(see the letter) making an
appointment - I reply I engaged
to see her - go a circuitous
route to avoid giving suspi-
cion to my fair one at the
inn who laughed & evidently
suspected something of the
kind when she put the letter

into my hand - meet the Capt. 93.
live ship - she carries me into a
back bed room - her pretended story
about her bro^r in law in the
navy - I see her drift - shut the
window shutters for fear of being
overlooked - is sent for to tea - ap-
points a meeting in the church
yard in half an hour - I go &
wait - she comes - we walk onto
the Moor - she gives me her history
- a particular acct of her marriage
at Egreton Green with an Officer
& perform that which she so
much wanted in a thicket -
in a gill - she declares a most
violent attachment to me - offers
to live with me in any shape to-
gether with all her property - says
she shall be for ever miserable
if I do not take her & I know
not what else - I scarcely know
how to answer her & it was with
great difficulty I got away at a
late hour by promising to see
her on the following evening - I
run stumbling along to Mid-
ham in the dark much agi-
tated with the singularity of the
adventure & fatigue together -
Nevertheless I cannot resist the
temptation of revisiting my fair
maid at the inn as my way is
now open - I spend most of the
night with her basking in sen-
sual bliss till near day light
when I returned quite weak to my
own bed -

94. 103rd Day - / Felt myself
very unwell
on my rising (Thurs. Aug. 29.) this morning
for four nights - my fair one with
with great difficulty take a little
money I gave - I needed her take
it however - paid my bill & pro-
ceeded towards Ears - and - From
Middleham moor is one of
the finest views in all England
into Wensleydale - Winding of
the river are - Spennithorne - Ley-
burn - Wensley - Balton Park
& Castle - West Witton - woods
meadows - corn fields & moun-
tains - It appears a perfect
paradise - I dine at West
Witton - fine girls there - Aisgarth
Jof appears to the greatest ad-
vantage at a distance - the
best view from a temple
lately erected by Mr. Atterton
I went down to the water
side & followed the course of
the river all the way to Ais-
garth Bridge - cannot meet
with any particular views I
much like but am too ill
to be pleased with any thing
observed a great number of
the round holes & perforations
about Aisgarth Jof which have
so much occupied the attention
of Nat. Philosophers - what my
uncle Mr. has conjectured respects

ing them I think very rational. 95.
He supposes as is the case that
a number of small loose stones col-
lect in certain crevices of the rock
that in high floods the water whirls
these round & round with a velocity
sufficient to wear away the holes
which contain them - gradually deep-
ening them - as a great proof in
favour of such a notion. These
holes are generally if not always
filled with stones whose aridges
have evidently been worn off
by violent friction in a circular
manner - Ainsgarth is a wretched
ly built place - I stopt to get
a pint of Ale both here & at
Baynbridge at the latter place
the Landlord went with me
to shew me a nearer cut to
wards Carr-end & when he
knew my name he observed with
sorrow that there never would
be such another man in
the Dales as my father and father
Alexander was - so generally
belov'd - respected & admired
was he by all ranks of peo-
ple who could estimate his
worth -

On my arrival at Carr-end found a
letter from my sister C. informing
me of Saml's proposed visit to York
I answered this letter immediately
saying how glad I should be to
meet him any where -

96. 104th Day / after breakfast
aug. 30. I walked to Park
Scar with my uncle - sweet
water fall abt a mile distant
from Barr end - on one of the
tributary streams of Crooks beck
its height is abt 70 feet in one
cascade - ^{tho' separated in two parts} I took a view - there
is a smaller fall & a very
beautiful one abt a quarter
of a mile above it - called high
Park Scar - abt half way down
its fall it is broken into a
number of steps that have
a beautiful effect - a young
plantation just made on
the east side - some pic-
turesque rocks & trees. Then
shot a Water ouzel & saw
several Motacilla Boarula,
Water ouzels bred here &
sing in the very depth of
winter while sitting under
drifts of snow - coming back
my uncle told me a curious
anecdote & shewed me the
spot where it occurred. The
water of Crooks beck rose so
high as to inundate a hole
in which a sand martin
had her young ones which

came swimming out as a 97
person stood opposite fishy
a large trout rose & swallow
ed one ~~at~~ ~~more~~ of the
martins - The fisherman
observing the circumstance
& fishing with worms threw
his line in the manner
of a troll - The same trout
took the bait - when taken
out of the water the fish
was opened & the young martin
appeared in its stomach
- ^{knew} ~~the~~ ^{my} ~~uncle~~ ^{uncle} ~~saw~~ ^{saw} the bird -

My uncle says that in the
winter wrens nest in the
swallows & martins' nests
under the eaves of houses. he
once counted nine going into
one - before entering it they
usually collect on a wall or
some other eminence near
the nest & tho' it is in the
depth of winter twitter some
kind of song - which is soon
finished when the little birds
go into the nest one after
the other - It appears that
wrens do not always make
use of moss as the same ma

98. terials in the formation
of their nests but to adapt
their nests according to the
materials at hand near
Beauford they not use usually
build in bank sides & wall
up the front of the hole in
^{the} ~~in~~ They lined with clay - at
other times they use straws
or bent cuttings without
any mop - when they build
in hedges I have observed
that they use scarcely any
other materials than green
mop unless it be a few bent,
as a threshold to the hole
of entrance by way of strength-
ening the whole -

10th Day - Was very much
^{Aug. 31} pleased this morning by a
sight of my Cousin Alexander's
drawings of birds - tho' they
want a certain freedom & spi-
rit that a perfect master a-
cove can give yet they are
minutely & well executed - Walked
with my Uncle to the margin
of Lemm water where I took
a sketch of his house &c -
It is plain that this lake

which now at low water 99
covers a space of no more
than 105 acres for my uncle
measured it, once occupied
the whole bottom of this br
anch of Wensley Dale and the
name of the little town
of Marside now about a
mile distant from the head
has evidently been derived
from its situation on the
margin of a meer - Crook
beck which is a chief contrib
-utor to the waters of Lerner
Lake is formed of three
distinct streams - one which
tumbles over Park-Scar - a
second that comes out of
Raydale & a third that
comes down from the hills
towards We & passes by Mar
-side - In heavy rains this
beck rises rapidly but as
quickly subsides and it con
-tinues thick but a few
hours except the rain is con
-tinual - The fish fare well
in this beck in heavy
rains on acct. of y vicinity of molen

100. A female of the Black
moose game was found sit-
ting upon her eggs a few
miles to the north westward
some few years ago - Stags
in ancient times must have
abounded here - my uncle has
the fragment of a horn of
unusual size but I can
attribute it to no other than
the red - Deer by the brow
antler it measures eight
inches in circumference
and by the neat antler abt.
6 ft. a little ^{the near 2 feet long} above that 'tis
broke away - it was found
in digging near the lower end
of Serner water by the bridge
the workmen might have
destroyed it there is a deep
spade mark in it - it is
nearly calcareous - not far
from it was found a broad
palmated part of an horn
that probably was an Elk's
but the workmen & broken
it so much that when my
uncle saw it he could scarcely
make any thing of it

On the north bank of the Ol.
We in the head of Hensley
Dale is a place now called
Stags fell - All this country was
so thick a forest that it is
now a prevailing tradition
that the wood was so thick
all the way from Nappa to
Ray Dale above Sennar Water
that a Squirrel could pass the
whole distance without touch-
ing the ground by jumping
from tree to tree - There
is yet a custom practiced
in Raynbridge during the
winter which proves it yet
further - a man blows a
horn at 10 o'clock at night on
a particular stone - This is for
the purpose of informing any
persons within hearing who
might be lost in the forest
where they were - This man is
supported by begging at certain
seasons of the year amongst
the inhabitants in support
of the custom - There is a
place not far hence to the
North called Wild-boar fell

102. There is a superstitious no-
tion in these parts that the
Keron becomes fat at the full
of the moon & gradually becom-
lean again as it declines. If there
is any truth in this notion
it must chiefly be owing to
this birds being able to see to
feed in the night when the
moon shines & not at other
times - King J^{al}. 1st used to hunt
deer & other game very much
in these parts & on his way
to or from Scotland was always
a guest at Nappa where he was
most hospitably entertained
by a Metcalfe - a few years
ago (for my uncle has sat in it)
there was a stone seat between
two large upright stones a little
above Caunerside under the
crag - in which this monarch
was accustomed to sit whilst
Metcalfe who was an excellent
hunter drove the game down
& across the hill before him
There was also in Raydale
house before it was pulled down
or enlarged by its present owner
or Mr. Pierce - a room called

103
Jam's Parlour owing as tra-
dition says to it's being King
James's room when he visited
this part of the Dale. King
Ja^s was so frequently & so ex-
-pensively entertained at Nappa
that he one day told Metcalfe
he was certain that it must
be very expensive to him &
wished to make him some
recompence - he therefore asked
him what he would have
& it should be granted him
Metcalfe replied that if his
majesty would give him a
pup out of the bitch Nell
he should think himself highly
repaid together with his ma-
-jesty's condescension. Be it
known that this was an
excellent hound given by
Metcalfe to King Ja^s but a
short time before - It was
either this Metcalfe or another
who when High Sheriff met the
judge from York with a vast num-
ber of relations & tenants all named
Metcalfe & all riding on white
horses - Descripⁿ of the Water
Oxcel. length 8^{ft} inches breadth
12^{ft} inches - bile to the corners 1 inch

104. mouth wide - bill black -
nostrils in the base - near the
edge of the mandible and linear.
Tho' the bill bends downwards
towards the point there is yet
a hollow in the upper mandi-
ble near the base. Irides hazel
lids white. Upper part of the
head & neck a mouse coloured
brown or roset brown. The fea-
thers on the back - scapulars,
wing coverts and rump are deep
ash colour with black shafts
and broad black margins. the
quills & tail feathers dusky black.
Benick is very wrong in his
description of those parts of this
bird. The throat neck & fore
part of the breast - a pure
white exactly resembling a
neat & uniform tiffet. The
lower breast & fore part of
the belly ferruginous - sides
deep ash colour tinged with
black. vent dingy black. feet
of the legs & feet pale dirty
blue. hind parts brown. the
legs are rather long and with
the toes & claws very strong
the claws are brown.

105.

The body of this bird is flat
& muscular - The deepest part
of Lemur water is abt 15 yards
according to my under measure-
ment in the deepest part -

106th Day / The crayfish is very
Sep: 1. numerous in this part
of the country - they were originally
brought here from the South of Eng-
-land by one of the Mescalpe family.
great numbers are annually
in the streams & Lemur water
& sent to the principal watering
& other places in the neighbour-
hood - The cray-fishers principally
live at Baynbridge their mode
of catching them is as follows
a stick of abt 2 yards long
with a line of common pack
thread of the same length. the
bait is usually dogs' flesh
tho' beast-livers are sometimes
used - dogs flesh is not said to
be used because the fish prefer
it but because it is the cheap-
-est. of this flesh a lump of not
about half a pound weight ^{that}
it may cast long is fastened
to the end of each line - when

106. The flesh is very putrid it will not do. several rods ^{lines} being thus prepared. They are set in the haunts of the fish ^{are} ~~is~~ are generally moderately deep places always amongst stones or hollow banks - at about 5 or 6 yards distance from each other. When they have remained long enough in the water perhaps half an hour the fisherman begins at one end of the row and suddenly raises the bait from the bottom no higher than just to admit his cray net underneath to catch those that are hanging to it he draws the whole out together & not unfrequently finds 20 hanging to it at a time - he has no sooner taken them off than he returns the bait to its former situation. If he was to draw the whole out without putting his net under so soon as he had raised it high enough - the fish would all drop off before he could land them as they hang only by their claws & not by their mouths. He goes in this man

= ner throughout his line of 107
rods - Almost every fisherman
has a store chest in which
he puts the success of every night
fishing 'till he has sufficient
to take to market. This is a
large square chest - bored full
of holes and being sunk in
the pool as steam is moored
to the bank by a strong cord.
The cray fish will live along time
out of the water. It loses its shell
every year like the lobster. It
is a very favourite food of the
Otter fragments of its shell being
often found in the dung of that
animal half digested. The best
time for cray fishing is in the
night & the most experienced
fishermen begin in the even-
ing. The autumn alone is the
season, generally the months of
August & Sept^r alone. Several
hundreds are sometimes taken
in a night. They are very com-
mon in the Ure about this
neighbourhood but how far
down is perhaps uncertain.

This being Sunday I went to meet-
ing at Baynbridge with my uncle

108. & cousin Jane they rode I walked.
we had a sermon from Mr
Lowrey tho' delivered in a plain
& rather too coarse a manner
it was excellent & reached me
considerably I thought myself
better for it I made resolutions
I could sincerely & ardently wish
I might or could keep - Returned
in the rain to dinner oc-
cupied by serious & religious
reflections - After dinner my
uncle shewed me some birds
most exquisitely done by Syden-
ham Edwards and some fungi
by Balton - I spent part of the
Afternoon in looking at my
Gr-father's records - they are
very interesting tho' they re-
late rather too much to mo-
ney matters & petty details.
There was a man who lived
at Baynbridge gifted with the
second sight he is but lately
dead - he saw people before their
death &c - one of his seeings so
nearly resembled one related
by Baswell in Scott and that
I cannot help noting it - Being
in the fields near Masside
he saw a funeral coming

109
Down from Buske. The men
who bore the corpse did not
carry it thro' a gate the usual
way but went thro' a gap
in the wall rather in an
out of the way place - soon after
they appeared no more - This he
related - In a little while after
a man died at Buske - It
was winter & so deep a snow
that his corpse could not
be carried thro' the gate before
mentioned it being drifted up
with snow. it was accordingly
taken thro a gap broken down
in the wall exactly in the
same place & manner
& described by the man in
question - It may be recorded
as a proof of the honesty of the
natives of these parts that there
is a house near Baynbridge
that for a great number
of years had neither lock nor
other fastening upon the door,
that could keep out a robber
notwithstanding that it was
inhabited by a substantial
farmer who frequently kept a
considerable property in his house.

No. Receipt for making spawer a
most excellent bait for fishing
particularly for trout in muddy
waters but this fish will also
take it in clear water - Get
remarkably fresh spawer of Sal-
mon the nearer ripe the lar-
ger the better - put it into a
bason and pour hot water but
not boiling, upon it, wash it
quite clean from all fat,
skin, strings, &c. - take the
water from it immediately
upon it being clean - then
drain it in a colander
which done put it in a
flat dish or tin dripping
pan - cover it over with
salt - it cannot be too well
salted - place it within a
moderate distance of the
fire observing to turn it
often over till it is suffi-
ciently hard & dry & of a
consistency enough for using
then put it for use -

There is a curious custom yet
observed at Askrigg celebrated in
the month of August which

has been observed for a great ^{III.}
number of years - A lady who
had been severely crossed in love
& disappointed of her spouse. did
and left a certain piece of land
to ^a particular person or persons
to be holden by the legatee or
legatees so long as he or they
should give a garland of flow-
ers to the young men of
Askrigg to be run for on
a certain day up a very steep
hill - The competitors have
no other reward than the
flowers & honour tho' they
usually have a dinner given
them - 'tis said the lady
left this singular legacy
in order to burst the false
hearts of men by running
up so steep a place - The
flowers are usually begged
for in the neighbourhood -

10th Day / Immediately after
Sep: 2. breakfast this morn-
ing my Uncle & I set off to
ward Hardraw to see the
scar & fine waterfall there
My Uncle rode & I walked

112. It should seem that when
this part of the country was covered
with one continued forest. There
were few oak trees as all or the
greater part of the fossil wood that
is now found on the moors & in
the bogs consists of Birch and
Alder trees - some few oaks have
been discovered in the valleys ^{also} &
have most probably grown in
those warm sheltered bottoms
where there is a tolerable soil
for I much question the possi-
bility of their growth on the
hills & moors - the oak that
has been discovered is black
& nearly in a fossil state -
Having ascended for about a mile
towards & to the left of Bountin
side we turned close round
the edge of the crag behind
my uncle's house & descended
into the vale on the other
side thro which runs the
winding Ure - the towns of
Buthside - Thame - Tharraw
&c appeared before us beyond
the mountains of the north
grouped in fine picturesque
Scotch like views -

113.

Butterside is a village very pleasantly situated on an eminence - abt half way up the side of a mountain from the lake - Tharves is about a mile further - lower down in the valley I mean the river 'tis a good (for this part) & an increasing market town. There is a book club at the head of ^{the} w^e is my uncle - a little further on we crossed the lake - I saw a foot bridge my uncle thro' the water. It is here narrow & evince it's no great distance from the source - Had Ovid described this river & the Swale he w^d probably have signified some violent attachment between the two - as their sources are close to each other. Probably they rise from one spring - and flow parallel to each other separated only by one line of hills 'till they again unite below Woburn bridge - Trout must be indigenous - We now ascended all the way to Hardrawe having the fine precipitous

HA. of Stags fell before us - It is singular that there are now no remains of the great forest ^{it} ~~is~~ covered these parts as it is yet within old people's remembrance that bells were hung about the necks of cows when turned out that by the ringing they might be found again in the far truses of the forest - and I was shewn the old bell house so called from a bell which formerly hung there and which was rung every evening at sun set to give warning to lost strangers or inhabitants within hearing - The large guns with grained sights were likewise kept all about this neighbourhood for the shooting of Stags when they descended from the hills - The village of ^{Simons} ~~the~~ ~~town~~ consists but of a few houses - we called at one of the best inhabited by a particular friend of my Uncle who received us very kindly & hospitably - his name is Tho^s. Harrison - his wife was a quaker Tho' he himself is not one

115

He is an elderly - sedate - ar-
-thodax - tall & lean - hard fea-
-tured - warm hearted through
a thick husk - well informed
man - Just as we were set-
-ting out to the fall after hav-
-ing taken some refreshment
Dinsdale a young artist came
in & joined us - he has only
just returned from a tour
in Scotland where he had
been to improve himself in
landscape painting which he
has lately taken up as a
profession from a violent
bias in its favour - he has me-
-rit & is improving - he is de-
-scended from a family of this
country - his father farmed Nap-
-pa for a long time - He is
a short - stout - large featured
tolerably handsome - youth
apparently about my own
age and he was dressed in
a Scotch Tartan dress - We
proceeded to the fall of water
Harrison as we went enter-
-taining us with stories of
whole unfortunates who had
perished by falling over the

No. scar or precipice - The water
that falls over the precipice ^{comes}
out of Topdale Gile and is one
of the tributary streams of Ure
At Hardraw Scar after having
formed many little cascades
higher up in the Dale. it forms
by much the grandest cata-
ract that I have seen in
England - It is by admeasure-
ment ^{abt} 100 feet high falling in
one unbroken torrent from
the top of a most beautifully
tinted rock of limestone and
grit into a deep rocky bed
below winding for several
hundred yards through broken
fragments and grey rocks of
high elevation clothed with
trees & bushes till it passes
Hardraw & gains the Gorge
Harrison hearing me call
it a fine fall "it isn't a
fall but a cataract" said
he thinking I insulted it.
Here as at other high falls
of water - there are beautiful
rainbowlike reflexions crea-
ted by the sun beams opera-
ting on the spray that rises

to a great height - I saw the ¹¹⁷
& all the falls in the vicinity
in great perfection as there
had been much rain of late
Several kinds of Hawks breed
in the rocks by this fall - It
was here the Peregrine Falcons
so often endeavoured to breed -

I do not believe there is a place
in England where there are so ma-
ny fine & beautiful falls of water
within a given space as about
Carr-cud. Besides almost innumera-
ble small ones almost in every
rivulet - may be named the fol-
-lowing that are well worth the
notice of a stranger -

Mossdale - one grand one & 2 small
Cotterfoss 20 feet.

Hardraw Scar .. 100 feet 36 ft

Aisgill near Gale

Hawes Bridge

Bow-bridge

Mill Gile 60 feet

Arthur Toss 60 feet

Aisgarth Toss { 5 large falls & ma-
ny little ones one
above another for
a mile's extent }

High Park Scar

Low Park Scar 60 feet

Startling Scar

Low Toss - 3 grand falls alto^g 100 feet

Barton in Bishopdale -

118. The greatest distance of those named is abt 7 miles but by far the greater part are within a much less distance. Many of them have a petrifying quality similar in nature if not quite equal to the well at Knarbro' in several places I saw fine & very large specimens of Petrified Moss and roots of trees of the latter my uncle has noble specimens that came from Aigarth Top being the production of one of its tributary springs whose waters fell over the roots of trees till it so coated them with incrustations that they fell down - two of them in excellent preservation are now at Carr-end - This is a good proof in favour of the notion entertained by the keeper of the well at Knarbro' who annually destroys the very beautiful moss that so finely adorns the rock there under the notion that if it remained it would gradually become so heavy as to pull the rock which has already started several feet into the river & thereby totally destroy the wonder of that place

119.
On the rocks at Hardman.
I caught the male & female of
a scarce species of spider with
ringed legs. There are three
immense piles of stones, that
nearest the fall is the most
singular having several up-
-right stones on the top & is
called the crop - many of the
people in this neighbour-
-hood suppose them to be
artificial the work of men's
hands - but in my opinion
this is very idle. I saw
nothing to induce such a
belief - it is nothing more
than a ~~and~~ curious effect of
some violent convulsion
of the earth. The name of
crop has been given it from
the singular grouping of
the topmost stones. This ^{heap}
is perhaps 50 feet high
from the level of $\frac{1}{2}$ brook
below. I saw several
Boarulas & some Water ou-
-tels here. We returned by
the village of Hardman
to Harrison's house to dine

120 There is an old hospitable
custom or rather saying some-
times yet observed in this part
of the country - a guest when
dinner is put on the table
is told that it's boarded - which
is meant to signify that
he must need no further ce-
remony of invitation but
help himself - Thus it was
told me at T. Harrisons & a
good meal I made - After
dinner we were again
joined by young Dinsdale
& we all proceeded towards
the falls of Catterfoss highly
esteemed for its picturesque
beauty - On our way near Har-
drawe saw a sight very com-
mon in this country - a num-
ber of men, some of them young
& hale, and several women^{young}
mixed & sitting together in
a row on the outside of a
house knitting with as watch-
ing ease & rapidity - generally
without even looking at the
work to see how it went
on - This is a common cu-

play went throughout the 12th.
Hall & made no less profitable
-ble than advantageous as
a means of employing persons
who could not work so well
at other handicraft - old persons
& every young by this means
assist in every family towards
I have seen girls of 15 years old knit with
the general people - In Somerset
out looking at it there alone have I seen an
equal proportion of knitters -
In most of the villages of
the North an Summer tree
planted - It is a single large
tree of oak - ash or elm
that is planted in the centre
of the village for the purpose
of admitting under its shade
on fine summer evenings
the old young & middle aged
who sit there & enjoy them
selves in various ways ac-
cording to their age &c. This
custom is well described by
white in his Selborne - A fine
tree of this kind - then called
a summer - tree - I saw in
Baynbridge - The water run-
ning at Baynbridge comes from

122. Sennar water - but tho' a single
stream does not take the name
of Bays until it reaches a small
gill about half a mile be-
low Sennar water. but to re-
turn - Cotterfoss is a sweet
fall of water in a rivulet
called Cotter which joins
the Yore about a mile above
Hardraw - there is also a
mountain not far from
the fall whose end that way
is called Cotter-end. The fall
itself is not high (ab^t 20 feet)
but so beautiful as to
induce ^{it was his property} Mr. Warley husband
of the celebrated Lady Mary
W. M. to say on viewing it
that he had seen nothing
equal to it throughout his
travels in the finest parts
of Europe - But this is cer-
tainly an exaggeration tho'
Cotterfoss is a very beautiful
cascade - much broken - sur-
rounded by old trees.

123.

After I had taken a sketch of it we returned to Simons tone and drank tea. The conversation resting chiefly between my uncle & Harrison who talked like old people of old times. From this conversation & from that which I had with my uncle on our return to Carr end in the evening I select the following as worthy of note. Wild Swans have been frequent on Lerner water every severe winter. 27 were upon it at once forming a most beautiful ornament to the lake for three weeks & they might probably have remained longer had they not been repeatedly shot at & two or three of them killed. my uncle shot one and had it dressed but he described it as ordinary food. Wood cocks are not numerous in these parts for want of proper woods & springs - nevertheless one would most likely have lived in a small wood he called Carr end had it had a mate as my uncle ^{besides others} saw it three times on one day.

180A. The 5th of June 180A -
Attempts have been made for
Copper between Butterside &
Hames two old shafts now
remain near the road con-
cealed by young plantations
the vein was soon lost &
the search relinquished - Spar
& remains of ore abound in
the stone walls about them
In digging for gravel at a
small distance west of
Butterside were found many
skeltons & several curious
pieces of armour - the great
er part of the latter were
sent to Dr White of York -
Harrison told me that one
of the Mescalpe family com-
manded & fell at the Battle
of Agincourt - It is a family
so old in this Dale that
even tradition is at a loss
to conjecture at what time
they settled in these parts
It was either the above or
the one which so frequently
entertained Jas 1st in his
hunting parties - that was
called the Black Knight of
the north & who was a great
favourite at Court -

It appears that within old 25.
people's recollection the Black
Grouse was common on the
moors - but it is now ex-
tinct here - yet within a
few years past - a hen was co-
vered by a net as she sat
on her eggs only a few miles
from hence on the moors
by a person who was going
a fishing who had a pointer
with him that stood at
the bird - which was covered
by the net - When the Dins-
dales farmed Nappa there were
several pieces of Armour & some
remains of fine painted glass
in the hall - Many of the
poor families in this Dale
are very numerous & the popu-
-lation principle in many
cases is so active that the
country is not able to find sup-
-port for all the inhabitants
inasmuch that a great part
of the youth when old enough
are compelled to migrate. Per-
-haps from a cause like the
phat of Askrigg derived his
fortune - his father & uncle
were both poor - poor to excess
& one or both of them were
carriers of coals from the north

126. coal pits 'till the uncle either
from choice or necessity went
to London to seek his fortune
he succeeded in process of time
in getting to keep a public house
in Gracechurch Street where he
made his fortune - he early
perceived his success & he per-
suaded his brother the father
of his favourite nephew Jack
not to bring his son up to
any business as he had not
a doubt of maintaining
him as a gentleman with-
out - he accordingly left him
his property at his death
& as far as money goes did
make him a gentleman
tho' the property was not
large & Jack was fre-
quently hard pressed - his
horses were his grand
support - The story of his
selling Rockingham when
drunk - to apply to rose for
some anecdotes of him -

The evening was moonlight
& we had a sweet journey
back to Carr end - after supper
I got some acct of the fish
of these waters from my uncle
See my papers -

108th Day / Drew & wrote ¹²⁷
Sep. 5. / morning 'till dinner
after which I accompanied
my uncle a fishing in Crook
beck - Spawner was our bait
& it was killing - In a short
time I caught 9 & my Uncle
5 nice trout - I wished to
draw one but the colours
fade so soon after death that
I could only sketch the outline
of one this day & prepare
for colouring it tomorrow
if I could get another - My Un-
cle tells me that water rats
have not unfrequently been
known to take Anglers' bait
he knew of two instances one
in the Ure & one over the
Barn - while fishing at the
bottom & they made regular
fish like bites - the bait was
worm - I have myself some-
times had bites when a fish
that I could not catch & I
thought could not be fish
perhaps they were water rats
The name of the high moun-
tain at the foot of Ferner
water is Adlebarough - at a
considerable height near the top

128. on the South side is a tumulus of very large dimension, composed of a vast pile of stones. There was formerly a tradition here that when the Romans occupied Brough at Baynbridge they were conveying a large quantity of gold in waggons over this mountain - that the waggons broke down & the contents could not be removed before the Romans left this part of the country but to prevent others from reaping any advantage from their misfortune - they covered the whole up with the immense pile of stones now remaining - f. abt 50 years ago two labouring men, slaters, being poor & having little to do - they were brothers - one night set about a search after the gold when they had got about half way through the labour they recollected that it was said a large dog kept here, the Devil without doubt, sat upon the treasure to guard it. This being the case they were alarmed & stop't their work till they could get the assistance of a wise

man who resided at Bay 129.
-bridge to help them - the se-
cret was imparted to him &
provided with a large ^{mysterious} book
to read in whilst the men
worked - they all repaired to the
spot. the men worked & the
wise man read 'till they got
nearly to the bottom of the
tumulus here called stone-raise
when sudden all the stones began
to shake & rattle in such a
terrific manner that the
men stood aghast & did not
dare to proceed in the work
'till a considerable time e-
lapsed when with fear & trem-
bling & every moment expecting
the clocking hen - they got to the
bottom but instead of gold only
found a small hollow place
containing several human
teeth & a large head. proba-
bly an amulet or charm
no other bones appeared - may
be they had either been buried
or perished thro' time - The
man who told my uncle
this circumstance was on the
spot & he declared that the
stones as certainly shook as
he was a living man

130. It is here traditional that the Romans had their summer camp on the top of this mountain & their winter one on Brough hill below - What a grand and lofty situation commanding all the surrounding country for a camp? -
Bones - Urns &c are frequently found in these dells -

109th Day / Immediately after
Sep. 4. breakfast went out to catch a trout to colour my drawing from - I caught five presently & before I got one large & beautiful enough to colour from - I ran home with it immediately & coloured my drawing as accurately as I possibly could - it was a difficult subject & constantly varied in its colours as it faded. This drawing occupied me till dinner - after which I worked at the drawing of my water vessel & wrote till evening - My Uncle tells me another story respecting the conversion of my uncle Saml differing from the one I have heard how in his gay days as he was riding in Cheshire - he saw a

child lying in a rut of the 131.
road directly in the way of a
loaded waggon. The driver was
asleep & he could not get up
to the waggon in time enough
to waken him before it arrived
at the child when to his
surprise the horses of their own
accord turned out of the way
& saved the life of the child after
they had passed it - they again
returned to the middle of the
road. This had so much the ap-
pearance of an immediate
interposition of Providence on be-
half of the child that I am
received religious impressions
& convictions that led to
the glorious effects afterwards
so universally admired - he rode
after the charter & whipped him
till he awoke & then he told
him of what had happened.

110th Day / This morning I ob-
served a fine Gray
fish to draw which I began
upon immediately - this animal
is not found of deep waters but
affects shallow - clear & rapid
brooks - it changes its shell every
year & in its habits & manners
exactly resembles the lobster

132. Stone walls without mortar
are the usual fences in this
country - They are stronger & of
longer duration than super-
ficial observers would imagine
& the art of making them
is very curious - it is made a
part of the education of husband
men or labourers or Datal men
& a man of this sort would
not be thought capable of fulfill-
ing his station without this
accomplishment - as no land
^{lord}holder would be willing to let
his land to a farmer who
could not make up in a
workmanlike manner any
gap or breach that might
accidentally occur in the fence
for if he could not - there
would be a necessity for new
fences in every few years
There are however men
who make wall-building
their chief profession and so
far as I could learn the fol-
lowing methods are observed
great improvements have
of late been made & more
skill & knowledge of mechanics

observable a section of a 133.
modern stone wall in these
Vales would form something
like this appearance

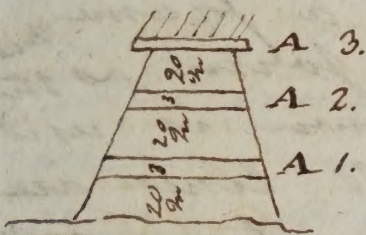
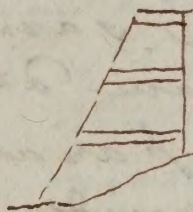


Fig. 2.



When the wall is raised according
to the above figure about 20 Inches
from the ground (observing to
keep the width or thickness of
the base from 24 to 30 Inches
tapering gradually to the top
where it must be left about
15 Inches thick) a large flat
stone that will reach thro'
the wall & is abt. 3 In: thick
is then laid on & in the
above section is marked
A. 1. These stones are called
throughs - three of them are
used in the perpendicular of
one of these walls & are put
in rows 20 Inches above ea.
other the first being as I have
observed 20 In: from the ground
- they strengthen the wall & ren-
der it firm - the third - A. 3.
is put on the top & upon that

13A. perhaps a row of stones - when the top through is not used a row of stones set obliquely is thought to be the best - In building these walls a frame exactly of the same form as the section I have drawn is used to which parallel lines are fixed as a guide to the workmen - The price of labour in this work is now from 2/- to 2/6 & roadmen will sometimes contract for the leading of stones - labour & every thing else necessary for the completion of the work in this case the price depends upon the situation of the place varying according to the distance it is necessary to lead the stones.

But this country is not like the plains of Egypt where no stones are to be found! - When a wall is built running round a hill side the form marked Fig: 2 - is used for an obvious reason - the average height of these walls is about 6 feet altogether - Hence in most countries governed by the materials at hand.

In the Afternoon I went to B5.
Park Scar to colour my view
of that fall - whilst I drew
my uncle fished with the long
line fly & caught near a dozen
little trout - It is a curious
circumstance that trout are
found above such high falls
where they must have been
indigenous or aboriginal - On
our return we met a man lead-
ing a fine ram of the Black faced
Species of sheep which are here
called hard sheep & the large
south country sheep kind sheep
in contradistinction - to the
generous &c - These Dales & the
river fore must have been fine
habitat for the Beavers when
they were found in Britain
Otters are now very numerous
& hunting them has lately
become rather a fashionable
amusement - as a singular
proof of the honesty of this neigh-
bourhood the house of a capital
farmer near Baynbridge had
not a lock - bolt or other fast-
ening on any of the doors for
many years - tho' this was known
& also that he frequently kept
much property in his house
(Deer stellers were frequent in

136. Hensley Dale 50 or 60 years
ago - there is a public house
in Aisgarth at the east corner
in which happened a curious
adventure - it was customary
for the neighbours of the place
& vicinity to meet here in
the long winters evenings to
chat & pass away the time
agreeably. The passage leading
to the room of meeting is
long & about the middle
forms a right angle - in
one of these meetings on a
dark & stormy winters
night - the company were
surprised by a strange noise
in this passage and the sound
of something heavy falling
down - all was instantly
silent & continued to remain
so but no one ventured
to go out to see what was
the matter - sitting staring
at each other in silence - at
length one of the most cou-
rageous ventured out with
a light and just at the
entrance into the passage
finding a large sack con-
taining something heavy

he gave the alarm to his¹³⁷
companions who ran to
him & assisted in halving
the prize into the room
where they had been sitting.
The mouth was untied - all looked
cagerly into it - the ghastly face
of a man recently murdered
was the first object that pre-
sented itself - the company flung
back in horror while one or
two drew out an unfortunate
wretch not quite cold & mel-
tering in his blood - the com-
pany was amazed but their
conjectures were as various as
they were fallacious - the dead
man was washed & taken
care of - the company sat
till a late hour talking of
the circumstances & the next
day it was spread abroad - it
was food for the tea tables
of the whole country for months
no circumstance ever appeared
to throw light upon the mys-
tery - Precisely on the even-
ing 12 months subsequent to this
memorable one the same
company were assembled in
the same room - about the
same hour at night simi-
lar cause of alarm was
heard & something fell in

138. the passage as before - recol-
lecting the former horrible ex-
-event they were still more a-
-larmed & it was not till a
-very long time had elapsed in
-in silence that several of them
-ventured out together and found
-as before a large sack con-
-taining something bulky &
-heavy - it was forthwith drag-
-ged into the assembly - untied
- & to their astonishment in-
-stead of a dead man found
-a fine fat Deer newly killed.
Most agreeably disappointed
they began to form some
more rational conjectures than
heretofore & it was agreed that
the Dead man had been a
-deer stealer shot by some
-park-keeper - that his com-
-panions to prevent detec-
-tion had thrown him into
that passage in their flight
- now as a reward for the
-trouble they had occasioned
- had put a fine deer in
the same place & manner
a curious piece of generosity
in such a race of beings
as robbers or poachers -

114th Day / This Day I wish^{139.}
Sep. 6. to go to Richmond
on several accounts I wished to
see Fryer - & J. - & I fell short
of large drawing paper & pencils
& some other articles - It rained
however so hard in the
morning that I could not
go 'till after dinner - It
was fine when I sat out but
by the time I reached Askrigg
it came on the most ter-
rendous thunder storm I
was ever out in - the thun-
der crackled about my ears
& echoed in the mountains
with the most tremendous
& awful sounds - the lightning
played about my head & ran
along the road before me
in a terrible manner - I
never was so immediately
in a storm of this terrific
kind - for two miles I walked
in minute expectation of
being struck - birds were
knocked down - cattle af-
frighted almost to death and
the people who were riding
Askrigg boundaries galloping
for their lives - I thought my-
self as safe walking along

140. as under shelter I therefore
took little notice of what a
woman told me who stood
at the door of a house as I
passed - 'you'll surely be lost
if you go along', cried she
'I hope not' I thought I &
went forward - Soon after
I passed it appa I had the
pleasure to find I had
left it all behind me I
felt thankful for my pre-
servation & walked cheerily
along - I passed through Car-
perby - it appears to have been
a market town then is a
market cross in the middle
of its single long street that
appears ancient - there is yet
an annual fair held here
nearly all the market places
in this country have crosses.
A little beyond fine view of
Bolton Castle - appearance
of entrenchments by the road
side - red mire - a pint of
ale at the public house
- a pretty girl - knitters -
Searth. nick - the exqu

= site view from the top 141.
It is surely unequalled - for
grandeur as well as beauty.
in this view there is all
that can be wished in a
landscape - wild moors only
partly inclosed to the halfpenny
house - felt a pleasure in
drinking a pint of ale here
because my Grandfather so
much frequented it - wild
& quick walk of 5 miles in
the dusk of the evening over
high moors to Richmond
heard the Golden Plover
pipe frequently as I passed
vast deal of wet dirty and
uncomfortable. on my arri-
val at Richmond do not
like the appearance of the quar-
ters recommended to me by
my deary - seek out my old
lodge there - Gentlemen's seats
a few centuries ago were al-
ways built so as to be capa-
ble of defence - I was sur-
prised at the situation of
Kappa in this respect it
being incapable on one side
on acct. of the height of the
road close to it - Large topic

142. oak tree found in the river
at or near Wrenley - it probably
grew in the vicinity - part
of it used for furniture but
the greater now lying in the
street at Keyburn - about 12
yards long without branch
Tho' Richmond itself stands
upon an eminence - it is
yet in an hollow being sur-
rounded by hills so much
higher - the Swale runs
nearly quite round it -

112th Day / Performed after
^{Sep. 7.} breakfast my vari-
ous little shoppings in the
town - I also enquired for J
at the Punch bowl but found
her gone - On my return to
the red lion found Fryer
he usually comes to Richmond
on this day - being market
day - we walked about the
castle - its grand situation
& precipice down to the ri-
ver - pity that it was dis-
mantled - the great keeps
tolerably perfect - fine ter-
race walk round it on
the side next the river.

143.

Fryer who is mightily amorous
told me of an armour he had
safety had in this castle with
certain married woman
Handsome bridge of three
arches - the river here liable
to sudden swells inasmuch that
that when the above bridge was
building a sudden swell came
down without any previous
warning & carried off one of the
workmen while striving to get
from the top of the bridge who
was lost - we walked down the
river to Casby Abbey and saw
on our way on the other side
of the water the small re
mains of St. Martins formerly
a cell of St. Marys at York
now nearly completely dismant
led. - sauntered about the ruins
of Casby Abby for about half
an hour - the sides of the
river in many places be
tween here & Richmond form
of petrifications - Fryer on the
way told me a long story of
quarrel he had with Tale
the master of Richmond Grammar

AA. School resting chiefly on
the ground of a number of
Tales boys leaving him to go
to Fryer whose reputation
for knowledge is rapidly grow-
ing - Arrived back again at
Richmond we went to the
inn & dined together at the
common ordinary - I heard
several of the country people
at table saying "what a
strange lang head" - Fryer
had - meaning what great
talents he had - he is much
looked up to amongst these
people - After dinner F. took
me to a famous ale shop
where we had a pot of the
best ale I ever drank - From
hence we went to a Justice's
meeting at the King's head where
I was exceedingly entertained ^{where}
by hearing the country people
making appeals from the ^{Appl} taxes - the scene was superior
to the most ludicrous farce
I ever beheld - J^r Rob^t Darcy Kildgour
& the rev^d Mr. Medlam were the
sitting magistrates Fryer was
to have appealed but when he

was called upon rather than ^{145.}
exhibit on such an occasion
he submitted - I blamed him
strongly for his pride & cowardice
he afterwards repented - He next
called upon a Mr. Ward an at-
torney & friend of my uncle
Williams - he was from home
I saw in his parlour a most
capital & original sketch of a
battle piece by Le Brun as
I suppose - it is equal to the
finest thing of the kind I ever
saw - We went after Ward to
the Kings head where we found
him drinking wine with a
substantial farmer who soon
proved a very intelligent man
of the name of Carter & resi-
dent near Catherick - he told
us much about his culture
of turnips he finds that sowing
them in the drill method in
furrows the best hoeing
them so as to leave hollows
sufficient to carry off all the
water that might rot or
otherwise damage the bulley
I engaged to go & see him on
my return towards York.

146. I found Ward had been very intimate with Townson & he nevertheless promised me all the assistance in his power. We next visited the Free Masons Lodge at ^{Mr} Fryer had performed his debut as primitive - We took a second walk about the castle & lamented its decay - met a Mr. Thompson a fr^d of Fryers & had him to sup with us - He was a nice chatty old man - tall - very large - small grey eyes - large red carbunkled nose - white hair - & was well informed - he left us late and as we were in spirits we sallied out in quest of game found none called about 12 o'clock at an inn upon a countryman of the name of Hinton an acquaintance of Fryers - our object was mere sport. he was drunk & we staid 'till two in the morning having much joking - laughing & singing - the two last rested with me - was nearly locked out at our own inn - we to bed tired —

113th Day. / Was knocked up by 147.
Sep: 8. Fryer this morning took
me than I liked as I found my-
self by no means well & very
unfit to breakfast particularly
out and we were engaged to take
this meal with Thompson to whose
house we accordingly went and
there made an excellent break-
fast for which I found myself
the better - we then walked round
the Castle to the church - there
is little curious in it except a
remarkable monument to the
memory of one of the Nutton
family. Set out together towards
Middleham about 12 o'clock. I
on foot as usual & Fryer upon
horseback - The country high & open
about half of it inclosed the
rest moor land. The distance
10 miles - It was Fryers intention
to dine at Spennithorne where
he accordingly introduced me
to Mr. Chaytor commonly
called Justice Chaytor he as well
as true of his town being in the
commission of the peace - We
found the family just on the
point of sitting down to an
excellent Sunday dinner of
venison, other game & dainties.

148. I soon perceived Fryer was on
such a footing here as to be at
home I therefore knew my case
It was old Brayton's misfortune
to marry his housekeeper - a mis-
fortune I say because from this
came has proceeded the excessive
vulgarity of his Daughters - a stran-
ger would little suppose that
such girls were to have
£20000 each on the day of
marriage - as they are coarse
& unpolished to a degree - the
sons are little better though
country Squires Sir the Peer
Clairmont is the best & the
most of a gentleman - Crow-
der Lord Grantham's Steward
was at table also - on his re-
turn from a Krigg boundary
riding - after dinner my un-
dertaking was mentioned and
when old Brayton heard the nature
& extent of it - he threw up his
hands & eyes in silent amaze-
ment several times & then
exclaimed most violently a-
gainst the possibility of the
work being accomplished - &
without actually affronting
or insulting me he pretty bluntly

129.
hinted at my youth &c. he
was very intimate my grandfather
& he spoke much in his praise
he thinks nothing of a man
without he is quite a quixote
in the law. & the very things
which I would pay little attention
to in my work such as old
grants of land in the minutiae
he would almost solely value
& consider - We by no means
agreed in sentiment & he would
not argue - I therefore scarcely
thought it worth while to object
to any thing he said - After sit-
ting some time at our mine
the young squires Mat (without
a nose) & Clairvane took ^{my} ~~myself~~
out of the dining
room & led us away to
a small apartment in which
they kept their sporting ap-
paratus & which they also use
as a private drinking room
Here we found a large can
of ale containing abt 2 Gallons
at least capable of holding two
gallons - & several pipes &
tobacco - The ale was good &
home brewed - here we sat
in old English fashion till
about 5 o'clock when C. Chaytor

150. conducted F & myself across
the water to Middleham. Spennithorne
looks very pretty from the opposite side of the water - it is a very small village with a church. Mr. Chaytors & Col. Straw-
benzies' houses look well. It is a great pity that there is not a bridge over the Ure near Middleham it would so much benefit the town - there is ^{now} nor has there ever been any other passage - a ferry boat ^{pulled} across by means of a rope. Arrived at Mrs. Burton's in Middleham we had a bottle of wine together and Fryer persuaded me to write him a letter of introduction to the Coverham ^{myself} mentioned before. I had told him the whole history of that odd circumstance - I wrote a few lines & he took them. During his absence Chaytor carried me to Dinsdale's house - this is an attorney living in a style it will be well for him if he can support. we found a tolerable large party of males drinking like fish. I have seldom seen wine so quickly dissipated. - What I saw here & at

Spennithorne began to give B. me a very bad opinion of the Squires of this part of the country. Finding myself not very well I was glad to make an excuse to get away & run to my inn where I shut myself up till I was better - coming out of my room I met Fryer with Chayton - they were going to sleep at Spennithorne I went with them as far as the water side & on the way F. gave us an account of his adventure that convulsed me with laughter - he had bungled the business so much that on his ascending the premises he was taken for an housebreaker & was attacked accordingly by all the men on the farm & it was with difficulty he got away - it was dusk & he had a magazine or review in his pocket - he pulled it out & presenting it like a pistol told them he would blow their brains out if they attacked him - his appearance might indeed warrant the suspicion - a stout man muffled up in a great coat silk handkerchief over & oil skin over his shabby hat.

152. made a suspicious appearance particularly as he lurked about the place in so designing a manner - the old woman the intriguer would believe none of his tales - the whole story was ludicrous & our mathematician was fain to return disappointed - I went to bed immediately on my return to Middleham but poor as I was I seized with cold shivering fits I could not help going to visit my fair one knowing the way was now open - therefore so soon as I thought she was retired to rest I groped my way to her chamber & paped some time in a way easier & better conceived than described -

11th Day / Was knocked up
Sep. 9. by Fryer & Chaytor between 8 & 9 o'clock - I looked like a debauchee - There was to be a Justices' meeting today & the town soon began to fill - see Mrs Waller I saw her & set Fryer upon her walk to the Castle find some comical shells new to me. Timothy Nutton of Skelton Castle

153.
subscribes to my work - go
to Bears - am introduced - see
the old chair that came out
of the Castle - in good preser-
vation - difficulty in making
out the wood - something like
old well seasoned fallow - rich-
ly carved - the arms of crook
backed Richard on the top of
the back & three holes which
appear to have sustained a
crown - pity that it should
be kept in the kitchen - Bear
is a very polite & gentlemanly
man - offers to do any thing
in his power for me but
does not say he will subscribe
After hunting has lately be-
come a far more amusing
here - in Bear's recollection
even the outermost moat
of the castle was swampy.
I am now apt to suppose
the camp on the top of the
hill was merely some out-
work or part of observation
belonging to the Castle - We
walked about the town &
called upon a celebrated tapper
in these parts Miss E. Harrison
a tall - thin - witty & lively girl
she has been too much accustomed

15A. to admiration. I thought not
very highly of her she is a great
favourite & cross of Bryers.
She was invited to Spennithorne to
dinner - we all walked together - dined
in the library - drank tea with the
young ladies on the hill behind
the house in a new plantation
that commands a view of the dale
exceeding fine - I was ill & out
of spirit all day - Clarence took
me into the drinking room he
- you mentioned just as I was
going away apologized for the
whims & oddities of his father
told me of his own - that he
thought he should like me from
Bryers acct of me - that he shd
be glad to see me always - that
he would succeed to the estate
though the youngest son that
he would subscribe to my
work - tho' he was amongst
the numerous number of disap-
provers of my foreign scheme of
enterprise & other particulars. He
got tipsy & went about half
way towards the ferry boat with
me without his hat - pulling
gates off their hinges & other bits

ragious act. Fryer went 155.
towards Ruth & I came again
to Middleham - felt myself a
little better had a comfortable
supper & went to bed. but got
up again about 3 o'clock to visit
J — then was yet company
in the house & she had not
come to bed. tho' I knew it
not 'till I had actually got be-
tween the sheets & had embraced
her bedfellow who was asleep
I soon perceived I was wrong
& retreated with precipitation
without waking the girl.
I had scarcely got into my
own bed when I heard J —
go to hers - I again got up
when I thought she was undressed
went to her room and staid
as long as was necessary —

115th Day. / My nymph begins to
Sep. 10. be so fond of me that
I could not easily get away
however. soon after breakfast
I took my departure from Middle-
ham - dined at West Witton
I should however remark
that the river & the winds so
very much near Middleham
that there is a large field in

156. which it runs towards every point of the compass & also that I made the following list of fish from conversations I had with Braytor & the old Ferryman who has been a great fisher in his time

Fish in the Yore at Mid-
-deham

Salmon Of very large size - instance of 30 taken in a ~~night~~^{day} near Hensley by click hooks as they came to spawn - seen at no other time. The fish are seen at the bottom either in the act or about to do it. Two large hooks like trimmer hooks are fastened to a long line which is gradually drawn still within a small distance of the fish when a sudden pull is given & the fish is caught by the belly. Very large fish are taken this way 'tis a cruel & unlawful way that should be stopped -

Largest size
47 lb

Pike - Of 30 lb weight - a comⁿ fish
Trout - One of 7 lb was caught by a trimmer set for pike & was eaten by Braytors. 'Twas fat & healthy. One of 11 lb was taken some years ago but those who saw it were doubtful as to its species whether it was a young salmon or trout

157

Grayling - The old ferryman caught
one that weighed ~~£~~ 3. From
1 to 2 ~~£~~ are not unusual

El - Largest size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~£~~ by the
old ferryman -

Chub - Largest 6 ~~£~~ - common

Roach - common but not large

Red eye - common but not large

Barbel - common & very large

Perch - common - Chaytor caught
one that weighed 3 ~~£~~ - this
was the largest he had ^{known} ~~seen~~

Dace - common

Bleak - Chaytor thought he had
called taken this fish ^{known} ~~seen~~
Shellies - in what it was called
it the fresh water herring

Gudgeons - exceedingly numerous

Bullheads

Sticklebacks

Minnows

Crayfish

Mussels - } very common

Lamprey - Is here a common fish
& is called 9 eyes - individ-
uals have been taken
that would weigh $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~£~~.

Bream - none

Flounders - none

158. The river from hence to Hen
sley & the neighbourhood is so
full of fish as to appear quite
alive on a fine summer's even-
ing - It is a singular circum-
-stance of which I have been
well assured that there were
no Umber or Grayling in the
river before the Coal mines
were worked in Courdale -
~~There are a pair of tame Ravens~~
~~kept in Middleham & it has~~
~~been remarked for a num-~~
~~-ber of years that they al-~~
~~-ways roost with their faces~~
~~towards the east -~~ Had a plea-
-sant walk to Aisgarth - obser-
-ved that the walls in many
places by the road side were
made of conical petrification
& encrustations of shells - mops
- had a pint of ale & rested
at Aisgarth bridge - & another
at Baynbridge - On my arrival
at Carr end my uncle was full
of a Falco which had been ta-
-ken near Hardraw & which
he knew not - it was taken
in the Thunder storm on Fri-
-day last - I went to bed very
impatient for the morning that
I might go & seek it -

116th Day / Immediately after 159.
Sep: 11. breakfast I walked over
to Hardraw to see the Falcon
Young Dinsdale went with me
to the house - I no sooner saw
it than I conceived it to be the
Swallow tailed Falcon described
by Pennant in his Arctic Zoology
at least I think so 'till I can
again examine that work. I
made the boy who caught it
give me an exact account - he
was walking up Shaw gill
a little above the cascade of
Hardraw Scar in the midst of
the tremendous thunder storm
on Friday last - he observed
a large black & white bird
flying up & down the gill
in a terrified manner & ap-
peared at a cleft where to a
light - at length it settled
in an ash tree - the boy stole
softly & unperceived towards
it, when, being near enough
he threw a stick at it - hit
it on the head & knock'd it
down - he had difficulty in
securing it but as it fell in

160. a bramble bush its long
wings & tail got entangled &
the lad secured his prey - but
either from the blow which
had injured the upper man-
-dible & part of the forehead
a good deal or the violence
of the storm - the poor bird
looked very ill - sat in a lump
with its feathers ruffled & it
frequently trembled exceedingly
this might be from cold if it
came from a warm climate.
The pure cleanliness of the feathers
and its long wings & tail (which
I am persuaded could not be
kept uninjured in a state of
confinement) being perfect in
every respect & unbroken - ren-
-der the idea of its being a
reclaimed bird escaped. I think
unfounded - Its allowing a boy
to approach so near might
easily be attributable to the
terror of the storm & the
boy's address for I never wit-
-nessed except in 1791 a more
terrific storm I was out
in it without shelter except
an umbrella the whole time

x had I been so minded 161.
certainly might have taken
up or next to it - birds of various
kind that cruelly frightened
by the warring elements - Delighted
at the sight of so rare a visit
ant of these islands I told the
boy to bring the bird down
to Tho. Harrison at Simon
stone where I proposed dining
that I might draw it after
dinner - A woman in the
house where I now saw it
said that some of her neigh-
bours had been followed on
the moors for a considerable
distance by a bird exactly
resembling this a few days
before - but those people might
have mistaken a gull for
it - I made a comfortable
dinner at the hospitable house
of my friend Harrison and soon
after had my grand bird
into draw I perched him
upon the high back of an
old fashioned chair & sketched
him in a variety of attitudes
after which I handled him

162. and made the following descrip-
-tion - Length 22 Inches - Breadth
4 feet & 1 Inch - Bill to the corners
of the mouth $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inch - gape very
wide - the end of the upper man-
-dible much hooked & very long
& black - base of the bill light
pale blue & thickly beset with
long black bristles - cere and orb,
light pale blue - irides a deep
fiery red - the bill without a
process, a very remarkable cir-
-cumstance in this genus, - the
crown of the head very flat the
feathers of which have their shafts
finely pencilled with black as
also are the auriculars - head
neck - breast & all the under
parts of a pure & dazzling
white - Back - wings - tail & all
upper parts as far as the neck
a fine glossy black varying ac-
-cording to the lights it is
viewed in to green - crimson
& purple resembling in a great
degree the tail of a magpie
tho' not equally splendid -
The under wing & tail coverts
are very long & of a pure white
the upper wing coverts for true

rows are delicately margined 163.
& tipped with white - The tail
is much forked in an elegant
manner & of an unusual
length being more than half
the length of the whole bird - from
the rump to the end of the fork
it is 12 inches - to the bottom
of the fork 6 inches - ^{it consists of 19 feathers -} legs very
short - strong - much scaled - near-
ly concealed as it sits in the
long feathers of the thighs - and of
a dirty bluish white - feet the
same - and the talons, which
are by no means so formida-
ble as usual in birds of prey,
are white - The wings crop over
the rump & reach exactly to the
end of the tail - The most singu-
lar characteristics that appear
on the first view of this bird
are the extraordinary length
of the wings & tail in propor-
tion to the size of the body,
the shortness of its legs - inno-
cence of its talons - and its beak
otherwise formidable being
without a praecep - to this in-
deed we may add the strongly
contrasted white & black of its

164. Plumage - I do not conceive
it should be ranked with the
most ferocious of this sangui-
-nary but interesting tribe - it
is in want of the necessary
requisites & appears mild & gen-
-tle - insects & reptiles I sup-
-pose to constitute its food - the
bristles about the bill show
the former and its likeness
to the Buzzard family the
latter - I believe it to be a
bird of passage and that it
was driven here by storms
on its emigration - its likeness
to the Glean in many parti-
-culars may warrant this
notion - I was delighted to
see it spread its long wings
& fly across the room - it re-
-garded me with great com-
-placency whilst I drew it -
I hardly knew how to part
with it & was sorry that all
of Names had spoke for it
before I could have an op-
-portunity of buying it - I drank
tea as also did the Harrisons
with Dinsdale - his mother &

aunt - at the next door - in 165.
 their window frame on the out-
 side I got a fine specimen of the
 spider called the roman Catholic
 spider on acct of the ropes on its
 back & put it in my insect bottle.
 My good friends here pressed me to
 come & see them again I pro-
 mised - T. Harrison & young Dins-
 dale set me as far as names
 when I spoke to Rich^d Allan
 abt the Falco which I wanted
 to have but it seems he has
 got it for his brother in law
 Flintoff I could not therefore
 in delicacy press further - I had
 a stumbling walk in the dark
 along the stony road & over
 the rugged hills of this Dale to
 Carr end - T. Harrison told me to-
 day that his brother had pur-
 sued an Eagle on Stags Fell with
 a gun several years ago without
 success - Dinsdale showed me his scotch vases

117th Day / This morning was
 Sep: 12. met & hazy - I drew
 & wrote - Kingfisher haunt Crook,
 creek pretty frequently - they fly out
 over serene water in the man-
 ner of the Fly catcher - hover awhile
 in the air - then suddenly plunge
 in the water take their prey &

166. return to their station. ^{the} they will perform many times in succession - Sparrows were never known to breed in Ray Dale on that side - a singular circumstance - We dined early after which my uncle & I set out to visit the mountain of Addleborough & to drink tea according to invitation with Mr Thwait of the Low Force - my uncle left his horse in a pasture at the foot of Addleborough and we climbed this bald mountain together - near the top came to a very large stone weighing upwards of 100 Tons at the least by which hangs a tale - my uncle sat down to rest himself by its side & told me the tradition which runs thus
In days of old in these parts lived two desperate giants of immense stature & strength the one on Addleborough & the other on the Crags for a trial of skill or rather muscular power they were each to throw a huge stone of equal size from the top of their respective moun:

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- tains into Lemen water.
The giant occupying ^{addebray} ~~the~~ ~~stone~~
suspecting nothing threw his
vast fragment of rock very
innocently into the lake be-
- low which the other giant
no sooner perceived than he
threw his stone with vemen-
- tous force directly at the de-
- vencilp giant of addebray
which happily fell a little
short of the brow of that
awful precipice on the spot
where it now lies as a me-
- morial of the event - and he-
- persititious rustics and shep-
- herds wandering that way
to this day point out certain
grooves worn on the topmost
surface by stones - met - as the
impression of the mighty
hand that hurl'd it thither.
It would be curious to know
whether these stones (for the
other also is to be seen on the
eastern ^{margin} of Lemen water, ^{it is called the bare stone}) where
placed in their present situa-
- tions by magnetic power
like that on the malds & the
one near Inverness - for if they
were it would prove the supersti-

168. - time of the age in which
it occurred & the people would
in such an age have naturally
the genius of the mountains
from whence the stones were
precipitated to have had some
hand in it - some mighty
cause must have disrupted
them - that at sear water
side is certainly not in
its natural situation. Of
old time every mountain
had its peculiar genius -
This is yet believed in some
parts of Scotland the above
tradition is perhaps all
that remains of this super-
-stition in these parts so
far 'tis necessary to note
it - The top of Addleburgh
is a sublime precipitous
-pleatly bleached & scarred
by the storms of the North
& of the west to which
it is fairly exposed on all
of its great height & no inter-
-vening higher ground in
those quarters for some
miles - in consequence of
the tradition here I minutely
examined the top in hopes

of discovering some remains, 169
of the Roman summer camp
but I saw nothing ^{the base of} but a
small tumulus on a point
at the North side and a
few deep round hollows re-
sembling wells - they may
have served for that pur-
-pose. Not meeting with the
object of my search & after we
had enjoyed the delightful pros-
-pect from the top of all
Wensley Dale - the moors &
hills on every side lay out
& even Roscherry top & the
mountains of Cleveland &
Hambleton lay out - we de-
scended on the south side
& had not proceeded far
when we came to some
remains that instantly
rivetted our attention. On
a fine gentle slope ^{about}
half way down the southern
declivity of Addleborough com-
-manding through an avenue
in the hills a fine view both
up & down Wensley Dale, we
found several large circles
of various dimensions & one

170 oval one - The latter was about 70 feet long by 36 wide with two distinct entrances on the west side abt 2 yards apart from each other & the same in width - Two large circular ones were abt 45 yds in diameter near the North side of one of these & within the circle was a smaller one - resembling the drawing I have seen of certain old camps - The ruins of some smaller ones were likewise to be seen - They were all made by piling up large stones & if they are remains of Roman or Danish camps it is probable stones were used in preference to any vain attempt of throwing up earthen mounds in a place where the soil is but a few inches deep ere the bare rock appears - some round deep holes also appeared in several places probably made as wells - from hence to the south in a direct line at

the distance of abt 400 yards¹⁷¹
upon another eminence of the
same height we could discern
other ruins of a yet greater
magnitude - we made to-
wards them - between the two
hills we passed thro' a deep
marshy valley - arrived at
the other ruins which in-
clined towards the north as
the other did towards them
& the south - we were amazed
at their magnitude & were
quite at a loss to conjecture
their use - they covered a space
of several hundred yards in
length and described various
figures - circles - ovals & squares
& semicircles - they looked like
the ruins of a tower in
many places - stones were
yet remaining disposed in
walls of a ponderous thickness
- Near this place to the west
we came to the wonderful
tumulus called Stone raise
which is a great curiosity - it
is formed entirely of large stones
piled up without earth or
gravel differing in that respect

172. from any I have seen
notwithstanding that upward
of a thousand - nay 'tis said
several thousand - loads of stone
have been led away from it
to build walls with it yet
remains a stupendous mo-
-nument of this species of
antiquity - we measured the
base of it as well as we
could by our strides & made
it 369 feet in circumference
& of such an height as to
be seen at a considerable
distance - It has been most
completely rifled in the man-
-ner mentioned at p. 128.

& it now presents a number
of small craters formed by
the investigation of the money
searchers - It is situated upon
a hill abt half a mile south
of Addleborough - In addition to
the particulars I formerly men-
tioned I may say - the men
who first opened it abt 50 years
ago - worked incessantly for 33
days - it stands on Thornton
moor and tho' the Thornton

men would not assist in 173.
the labour they intended to share
in the profit if there was any
but the adventurers who had
all the work involved they should
not & they carried a large sword
with them every day to defend
the treasure in case they found
any. The wise man who read
the stones shook & rattled
was a schoolmaster at Bain-
bridge - the teeth they found
were deposited in a hollow place
at the bottom of the tumuli
formed long & narrow like
a coffin by a walling of stones.
Tho' the tumulus has apparently
being compleatly rifled I do
not believe the whole vale
has been sufficiently searched
but if it was to commemorate
one great individual which
appears to have been the case
perhaps nothing more may
be found - Tumuli are not
unfrequent in these parts - they
are generally called raise - there
is a raise full of
tumuli - Having satisfied
ourselves we returned to Low
Wice to tea with Mr Thwait

174. Thwait is a little precise
irritable - natty - toothless - blinking
chatty - formal - orthodox old
bachelor of abt 70 - he got his
fortune in the East Indies - is
a resident of Ramsgate - has
an estate here & is now em-
ployed in superintending the
erection of a house for his
sister in law & niece both
of whom were present - the
niece is a very nice modest
young country girl - one to
my liking - After Tea my
uncle went with Thwait
to view his new house &
I went to sketch the house
place - a very pleasing water-
fall - the midges or small
gnats are very troublesome
in this country they worrit
a man to death - I got a
new spider by the water
side - saw in any petrifica-
tion or remarkable fine
moss - Returned at dusk &
my uncle soon joining me
we departed to Carr - end
to supper —

118th Day / Found myself 175.
Sep. 13. by no means well
on rising this morning. I ma-
naged however to write from
breakfast time to dinner after
which I was so ill as to be
obliged to seek refuge in bed
when I remained 'till tea
time when I rose not much
refreshed. I was however
better. Not being able to do
anything but talk I conversed
with my uncle all the even-
ing. I have heard of two more
instances of the Peregrine falcon
being shot at Tharraw-Scaun
there were a pair which had
actually made their nest
& were about breeding when
they were shot last year.
A Sturgeon was taken in
the Tees. that weighed 19 stone.
The Stoat is a compleat
wild beast. A farmer of Rick-
Thistlethwaite's acquaintance
in Dent had a number of
sheep destroyed in an un-
accountable manner. They
dropped off one after another

176. and it remained a mystery how they were destroyed. One moon light night the owner was induced to watch with one of his men - it was clear and they could see plainly - all the sheep were lying very quietly in an inclosure apparently asleep. They remained still a long time - at length one of them suddenly jumped up and ran about the field & amongst the other sheep in a seeming agony and at last dropped down - the men ran to the spot and just as they got up a large stoat dropped from the neck of the sheep where it had been hanging & made off. They pursued & killed it - on examining the poor sheep they found it had a small wound on its neck made by a single bite & through which the stoat had sucked its blood. In this manner they destroy sheep & hang at the wound till gorged & almost suffocated with blood they

loose their hold - dropping ¹⁷⁷
from the capering animal
in a state rendering them al-
most unfit for escape. This
small but very destructive
beast of prey will also at-
tack carnes in broad day-
light on the moors. Some-
times severe combats take
place between the simple-
eyes & the stoats - the for-
mer winning the latter
whenever it attempts to
seize the poor carnes who
shelter themselves behind
the dam desperately affright-
ed - taking care always to
keep behind whatever move-
ments the old one makes
in their defence. From the
diminutive size of the stoat
it seldom suffers in these
engagements - The Merlin is
an inhabitant of Wensleydale
& the moors during the whole
summer - Darnice are com-
mon in the woods about
Tain's abbey & in Tarnly wood
near Leeds. When Darnice
are caught by the leg it is
no uncommon thing for them to
eat off the leg they are held by

178. in order to escape - some
- times they are found in the
trap in the very act of eating
it off. - Long-tailed Titmice are
aptly called Feather Pokes abt.
Gildersome & Farnley - and one
other willow wren or the yellow
wren is called wind-straw

Owls destroy goslings - A farmer
in Raydale lost a number of goslings
unaccountably - A pair of Owls
had a nest of young ones in a
barn - he knew of it & would
suffer them to be destroyed ^{not}
under the notion that they killed the
snice but at length he lost
so many goslings that he
began to suspect the owls.
Upon looking at the nest
which was made upon some
hay in the barn - he found
several young geese - cleanly
picked & laid by the young
this was enough - he instantly
ordered the family of owls to
execution - The foolish young
geese also fall a prey to the
Carriou Crows who are a
kind of generalship - a pair of
crows gravely march up to
a goose who is leading her

179.
gas lings about - the old goose
is not so foolish but she ap-
prehends danger for her young
& immediately runs at the near-
est crow - the other crow
watching its opportunity while
the goose is engaged with its
companion runs & secures
one or more of the goslings
with which the two robbers
immediately make off leaving
the poor goose a dupe to
her ill judged valour - Kings
fishers inhabit the beck that
comes out of Bishop Dale as I
have seen them there frequen-
ly - I must not forget to note that
Edwards a man at Bishopthorpe
was killed a few years ago by
a sparrow hawk flying at him
as he attempted to take its
nest & knocking down out of
the tree -

119th Day / Drene & wrote the
Sep: 14. whole of this day
till evening when I went with
my uncle & aunt to drink tea
with my cousin Thistlethwaite
at West Door - Rich^d? T. is a very
pleasing & interesting man - all
innocence - simplicity - shrewdness

180. and patriarchal interest.
In conversing with him I got
much information - Ravens
are extremely common in this
part of the country and in York-
shire throughout they nearly
altogether affect the most lofty
and inaccessible scars & crags
seldom betaking themselves
to woods where such may be
found - Rich? killed seven at
a shot in Langstrathdale upon
a dead sheep in winter while
they were closely besetting a Buzz-
ard which had previously tak-
en possession - Contrary to what
all authors have adduced re-
specting these birds always going
in pairs - Rich? says that in
Langstrathdale it is no unusual
thing to see 60 or even 80 in
a flock & that too in August
He has killed 13 at 3 shots - The
above Dale was also & probably
is at this time a habitat for
the wild cat - Rich? mentioned
an instance of one being killed
that measured 14 1/2 feet long from
nose to tail - It seems the water
shrew mouse is by no means

uncommon in the brooks & 181.
meadows of this country but is
never found in large waters
rich? knew of a Kingtail's nest
with eggs in Mopdale. one
day when she was sitting close
he suddenly ran in upon her
with a stick and as she rose
knock'd her down dead with
one blow. wishing to make fur-
ther discoveries he placed the
dead bird upon the eggs in a
sitting posture and concealed him-
self near the nest - Having
waited about half an hour he
saw a fine Hen barrier arrive
at the nest bearing in his talons
a nice young healthy poult. he
instantly pick'd off all the feathers
in a most dexterous & complacent
manner & offered it to the hen
who remained without motion
upon the nest - the audacious
male used every caution to make
his unfortunate mate notice
his attentions & receive the proffered
food in vain - he thrust the
healthy poult under the wing of
the dead bird and again took
wing in search of more - Satis-
fied for the present rich? return-
ing with the determination
& revisiting the nest on the fol-

182 lowing day. He did so & on
each day for three successive
days afterwards - at every visit
he found additional game brought
which was ranged in a heap
by the nest - on his last visit
he lay in wait for some time
& at length the hen harrier
appeared with more game he
offered it to the dead bird as
before & when no notice was
taken of it - he seemed vexed
- pushed the dead bird off the
nest & sat the eggs himself.
~~When the hen harrier appeared again~~
~~the next day he found the nest empty~~
~~and the eggs were gone~~
~~the hen harrier was very angry~~
~~and he was very angry~~
~~the hen harrier was very angry~~
~~the hen harrier was very angry~~
This apiduous & unfortunate
cock was afterwards shot from
the nest by a young man to
whom Rich^d had told the
story & who wanted faith to
believe it - This may be depended
upon - Spiders of some species
have it in their power to
change their colour to suit
the places they are in thus
if you whitewash a room
or place where certain spiders
frequent in a short time the

Spiders will have asumed 183.
a white colour - several species
carry their eggs or young in a
round bag which is affixed to
the abdomen which they drop
off on being attacked - the bag
is usually white & about the
bigness of the body - several kinds
(particularly those I caught
near the source of the Ure)
have the power of violently
shaking their webs in order
to entangle flies - this man-
-ner I have often seen per-
-formed & it seems to be done
by the abdomen of the spider
already fastened to the centre
of the main web by a short
thick one - being rapidly turned
round & round with great ve-
-locity like a spindle - in this
manner - causing a great vibration
they often catch flies they will
otherwise miss - There is a curious
trade in these parts that is
not of a later date than 10 or
12 years - It is transacted by poor
men generally servants or dotal
men - my uncle's servant man
was the first promoter of it &
he has ever since & does now
practice it with success - About
the latter end of August they

184. buy up all the lean young
or indeed old geese they can
procure & drive them in
large flocks into Lancashire
& some parts of the west riding
of Yorkshire but particularly
the former where they sell
them to the farmers to eat
& feed in the stubbles after
harvest - It seems the ma-
nufacturers are fond of good
roast geese & consequently
grudge not the payment
of a considerable sum for
them - My uncle's man &
his brother are the chief tra-
-ders this way here & they
sometimes drive flocks that
amount to 1000 head - their
profit is not large perhaps
not exceeding 3^d & 4^d goose
it is besides a very tickle
business on acct of their
awkward driving & they generally
lose considerable numbers
that die by the way - some-
times one half perish often
'tis a heavy loss - They are
never able to drive them
more than 5 miles & day

185.
& sometime not more than
one or two. especially in wet
weather then it is they drive
the worst - the distance they
drive them averages about
40 miles & the men are
usually a fortnight absent
sometimes more - Within 2.
This tells the remembrance
he sold geese from 6^d to 10^d
each - they are now about
3^d lean for driving - Within
his 40 years Rich^d has sold
good geese for 7^d For the
trade above mentioned they
are picked up in the neigh-
bouring village till a
sufficient number for dri-
ving is collected -

120th Day / This was Sunday
Sep: 15. & I did not go with
my uncle & cousin Jane to
meeting at Nawes because
it was preparative meeting.
I wrote a good deal this morn-
ing & my aunt who never
goes to meeting now read some
chapters out of Isaiah that
affected me a good deal. I felt
my own unworthiness & im-
purity - I walked out before
dinner by the side of Lemer

186. water - my thoughts turned
upon the engaging study of
Natural History - I thought of
the cruelty attending the pur-
-suit of some of its depart-
-ments particularly Entomo-
-logy I was affected by my
reflections I was not with-
-out a resolution to write
some essays on the subject
considering it in a new
important & religious light
The following very few heads
by way of notes for a begin-
-ning I thought proper to
submit to paper - All our
happiness proceeding from good-
-ness - All our misery from
vice and injustice - All ani-
-mals are created for some
grand or decided end - in
what does our right over
them consist? - The advan-
tages of Zoology & Botany
Considered in a true light
so far from being incom-
-patible with a pure religion
Nat: Hist: is the best promoter
of it - One of the first truths
this study imparts is the teach-

ing us how little we know ¹⁸⁷
Pride & ignorance are driven
even far away - we are often
at a loss to account for the
motions of the meanest in-
sect - An insect appears
but small to the Lord &
master of the creation; but,
in its destruction ought he
not to consider how far
his cruelty is tending to de-
feat some benevolent view
of the Almighty Creator?
A man acquires wealth
by little & little so does
he misdoom! - Let the
eye become red with weeping
- let the heart be torn by
remorse - but will these sor-
rows bring back long lost
innocence -

My Uncle says there are
no snakes in this part
of the country - the only one
he ever saw was in a hole
in, or near the crag - After
dinner I wrote & read 'till
evening -

188. 121st Day / Immediately
Sep: 16. after breakfast
this morning I sat out for
Linons tone - to spend a day
or two with Dins Dale &
Harrison & to visit the upper
end of the Dale. There is a
barn or house of stone in almost
every field in these parts. They
are used for the reception of
hay chiefly - the major part
of them are built without
mortar something in the man-
ner of the walls only more
regular, & stable, with large
corner stones and well slated
top. Stacks are seldom or never
made here - the few that are
made are so small & ill shaped
that they cause the ignorance
of the inhabitants in this mode
of preserving winter fodder - but
they have a better method more
suitable to this land of storms
nearly every field is provided of
a barn which contains the
hay of that field together with
an apartment at one end for
the cattle it is allotted to fodder

by this means the hay is 189-
well preserved - the manure
kept more from waste & is
mellowed - & the cattle feed
in shelter from the storms -
The more modern barns are
built with mortar - Arriv-
-ed at Simons town I found all
the females on the point of
setting out into Swaledale a
circumstance I was by no means
sorry for considering duly their
cost - I became Dinsdale's
guest - After dinner I went
to Hardraw Tarn & began
to colour my sketch of that
grand waterfall - I returned
to tea - after which the intel-
-ligent & singular Tommy War-
-rison came in & we spent
the evening in amusing con-
-versation - He talked a part
of the time about Prath - His
real property never exceeded a
revenue of more than £500 or
£600 p Ann: yet he confessed
that during the greater part
of his life he had not expended
a life average annual income
than £2000 - When he died

190. he left behind him at the least £5000 - he always kept an open house - bore a most excellent character in the neighbourhood as a benevolent charitable - peace making man - he was handsome and about 5 feet 10 inches high -

122nd Day / It was so exceedingly rainy & stormy
Sep. 17. this day that we could not go out - Dinsdale & I drew at the same table near the whole day and J. Harrison popped in & out as he found it convenient amusing our studious hours by his sage remarks & observations - Dinsdale says that his cousin the Attorney at Middleham wrote him an old m.s. to that effect - that it was all the first Earl of Richmond who granted the Domain of Nappa to the Metcalfes in the reign of William the Conqueror - Edmonson

Vicar of Grinton enquired of
me the population of Swale
Dale which has been es-
timated at 6000 according to
Dinsdales acct^l of the last
statement - I am to enquire
also concerning the sudden
floods in the river there
which it appears are very
remarkable - Break of Mid-
dleham has a curious cupboard
that was part of the furniture
of the castle - Not wishing to
sit a whole day without going
out I persuaded Dinsdale to
take a walk with me tho
it was still stormy - he in
a great coat & I wrapped in
a real Scotch Tartan Plaid
of the original form - viewed
the hills in as sublime a
light as I ever saw - Hard-
rass cataract was in perfec-
tion & the violence of the
wind acting in the narrow
channel between the rocks
blew the spray like smoke
into the air in every direc-
tion producing a novel
& grand effect - sometimes the

192. whole body of water
was prevented from falling
to the bottom & was twisted
perpendicularly into the
air - We returned after a
sublime & romantic walk
to supper -

123rd Day / according to a plan
Sep. 18. made overnight

- Dale & I set out to visit
the source of the Ure which
I have long wished to see
I moreover wished to know
how far the maps are cor-
rect - we furnished ourselves
with a wallet containing
some cold provisions & a
small bottle of rum - besides
our drawing utensils - We
proceeded along the banks of the
Ure - abt a mile above Hard-
it receives opposite Beck on
the left & a little farther on
the right the romantic str.
of Cotterdale at its confluence
equal to the Ure in magni-
tude - There are stone bridges
over each of these streams
near their junction with

my dear York - which sen 193.
-sibly diminishes in size as
we approach its source - not
far from Thwait Bridge it re-
-ieves the tributary stream of
Mopdale after it has formed
those beautiful falls - It gains
no other rivers of any consequence
from hence to its source tho
-many little rivulets from the
hills run into it - Abt a mile
above Thwait Bridge it makes
a beautiful cascade that w-
be much admired were it
not that so many superior
ones are found in the neigh-
-bourhood - not far from this
I found & took prisoners some
very beautiful & to me new
caterpillars abt 1 1/2 Inch long
of a velvety black striped with
yellow - They are not uncom-
-mon in moist places on
the moors of this District -
Our road for the greater part
lay over wild uncultivated
moors feeding a few Scots
& black faced sheep - amongst
high & bleak hills with the
river we now in a little

194 composed winding & foaming
in the bottom with her banks
naked & bare & unadorned
even by a single tree. It was
sometimes on our right hand
& sometimes on our left. I
should not forget however to
note the beauty of the scenery
about Riggs house the seat
of Mrs. Mollay Esq. which is
as fine as any in the whole
Dale - for here are mountains
plantations - water & meadows
nicely grouped & laid out
in picturesque beauty & from
an eminence near the house
a fine distant view into
the vale below Tharves - with
a grand background of moun-
tains - Mary - walked about 6
miles - Wild boar fell & bow
fell made their magnifi-
cent appearance - the former
in particular has a fine
outline - we soon came to
a cow house on the moor
near the river abt 3 miles
further - it was a public house
for the accomodation of drove.

the people seemed frightened 195.
of us - made no stay but have
enquired the source we followed
the windings of the river till
we came to the principal spring
which is known in these parts
by the name of the source - a little
before we reached it - the channel
of this noble river became so nar-
row that we could span it
In no map that I have seen
is the source correctly marked -
The river is properly formed by
three distinct rivulets proceeding
from as many chief springs - one
from the base of Swarth Fell - the
middle one in a small round
inclosure on an eminence a little
distant from the base of Wild boar
fell - & the most distant one in
the vale or near it of a hill
called Hughes seat - the last is
usually called the source in the
maps but the middle one is
the real source & is the only
spring known in these parts
as such - we accordingly made
towards it - the inclosure is surround-
ed by a stone wall - consist of
barely two acres of indifferent pas-
turage - it is situated on a moor

196. of peat - scanty living - bogs &
springs close to the magnifi-
cent hill of Wildboar Fell and
the confines of Westmoreland and there
are several springs in the field
but one is larger than the rest
& throws up many gallons in a
minute - my emotions on first
discovering it were of a very plea-
sing nature - it was the head
of my most favourite river
and in my consideration su-
perior to the rest of England
it was besides the first source
I have visited - we had our
cold provisions with us & our
small bottle of rum - we there-
fore sat down upon a mossy
stone close to the main foun-
tain & made a meal of happiness
drinking large portions of the chry-
stal fountain as it bubbled from
the earth - We poured Gray fish
even in the very spring & I
was assured by an old shepherd
who joined us that very large
trout came up to the spring
itself likewise to deposit their
spawn in the proper season
he went so far indeed as to
say that trout as large as

up that they could only just
squeeze themselves singly thro'
the channel at a time - this
circumstance may happen to
a fish of two or three pounds
weight in some places - This
shepherd entertained us exceed-
ingly - he was a genuine simple
rustic of very strong natural
talents that had never been
far from these moors on ^{to} ~~to~~
he was born & upon which
he had lived as a shepherd
winter & summer all his
life - he had all the shrewd-
ness of a compleat Yorkshireman
together with odd gesticulation
& genuine singularity of dialect
he said that for his part he
considered the ground upon
which we were standing to be
the Highlands of England & that
his rearer - because said
he said moor & river
take their rise here & run
in all directions before us - There
was some wit in his reply
certain it is - the rivers -
Cadon & Ure spring very
near to each other - the sources
of the two former not being more
than about 2 or at most 3 miles

198. distant from that of the Ure
they rise from the same hill
This shepherd was the most
inquisitive on political subjects
the very last news he had
heard being as how the French
intended to invade us - it was
droll to find a man thinking
news several years old so new
he observed that if they came
in winter a single peep
onto these moors would fright-
-en them back & effectually
prevent them from going fur-
-ther - It was upon the moors
a little to the south east
of there that the present great
mathematician Dawson of
Ledberg as he tended his father's
sheep on the bleak hills - had
id without intermission the
principia of the immortal
Newton - What a sight! a
ragged & apparently forlorn
shepherd's boy - making him-
-self master of the profoundest
science in the world - amongst
rocks & mountains - whilst
the sheep were bleating around
him & the winds singing
amongst the heaths - In this
situation & under these cir-
-cumstances it is known that

he made himself master 199.
of that mighty work in one
year - he never went out
without the book under his
arm - The first mathematical
book he obtained was a Buckle
which he got by means of a dro-
ver going into Lancashire - it
was an old shabby edition it
however served his purpose &
he read it without difficulty.

^{I took two sketches -}
Having satisfied our curiosity
at the source & after I had
caught a number of the small
spiders which shake their webs
on the stone walls - we made
towards the Cadon a few hun-
-dred yards distant which
operates the county from West
moreland - we followed this
winding - shallow & turbulent
river - past the public house
up to Hell Gill bridge - This
is a most curious place &
is the separation of the counties
I should premise however that
the river Cadon is here called
Hell beck - Hell beck Gill is
a long - narrow - winding &
very deep chasm in the
rocky hill at the bottom
of which foams the river
Cadon - perhaps at the depth

200. of from 30 to 50 feet - The rocky
chasm is in many places so
narrow that it is no difficult
matter to leap over it - The
sides are beautifully ornamented
with mop of various species &
tints - and overhung by bushes
& trees. Tho' the latter are
full scanty - over this gill
are two old bridges - one im-
mediately over the other per-
pendicularly & so near as
to render a passage over the
lower one impracticable ex-
cept on the hands & knees.
Conjecture has frequently been
excited by travellers being at
a loss to account for the use
of the lower one but on my
comparing the apparent ages
of the two & the ruinous &
very shabby appearance of the
lower one as well as its awk-
ward situation I could no
longer doubt that it was the
remains of an old bridge used
before the present upper one
was built & that upon the
building of the last more con-
venient & stable one it was
not thought worth the while
to destroy the old one parti-

cularly as it contained no 201.
valuable materials - I took
a sketch of the place as well
as I was able allowing for
the difficulty of its situation on
account of its narrowness &
windings - There is a sign
belonging to the public house
before mentioned which has
an odd effect near the bridge
so far distant from the
house it directs to - Many
are the tales told of debtors
& other men guilty of crimes
perpetrated either in York^e
or Westmor^e taking shelter
here from pursuit by warrant
for no sooner do they cross
this place than they are
safe from their pursuers
sometimes they take refuge
down in the hollow below
amidst the peltings of their
pursuers above who dare
not however actually hurt
them - The road over this
bridge leads to Kirby Stephen
& a few miles over it in
Westmor^e about four - is the
Castle of Pendragon at which
it is said the celebrated Countess
of Pembroke sometimes resided

202. We did not follow the Padon
far above this bridge tho' had
we had more time we should
have visited the source of the
Swale. The character of this lat-
ter is very different from that
of the Ure. The Swale is a
remarkably turbulent rapid
river & is never at ease till
it reaches the Ure. The Ure
on the contrary - after it has
flowed abt. 20 miles becomes
calm & smooth & deep ap-
parently conscious of superi-
ority. It appears that Kings-
fishers are very numerous on
the Swale below Richmond.
I cannot but note as a remark-
able circumstance that we
observed some hay in this high-
bushood only just begun ^{upon}.
It is called Wensleydale all the
way to Hell Gill which is about
8 or 9 miles from Thames.
The old Thp^l had told me that
curlews are not unfrequent
on the moors. Have made se-
veral sketches we returned by
the way of Cotter. Cotter is a
very lofty & unusually long hill
as it reaches all the way from

Riggs house to Hill gile 203.
at the least 5 miles long.
Within this 30 years there was
no other road through this
part of the country than one
over this mountain & it must
have been tremendous if
not altogether impracticable
for carriages - Nevertheless the
famous Countess of Pembroke
coming on a visit into New-
-ley Dale hesitated not to pass
over it but she was com-
-pelled to walk or ride while
her carriage was carried over
it by a number of strong
men her attendants. Upon
the summit I observed several
of the *Turdus Jarguatus* pre-
paring for their southern
migration - This mountain
is sufficiently lofty to com-
-mand a charming - wild
& extensive view over the
surrounding valleys - moors
& mountains - The noble
hill of Whenside appears
magnificently in the remote
distance to the south west.
There is a small Tarn or
Cotter but we did not visit
it - Widdal Fell opposite to

204. The End of Cotten rises nobly
is about the same height. Upon
the top of this fell is a small
Tarn of about 2 acres the south
shore of which is famous for
consisting of a fine white sand
particularly valuable for the
sharpening of scythes - it is there-
fore much sought after by the
country men in the vicinity.
Cotten end is remarkably steep
on the side next Wardraw
nevertheless the road led straight
up it without turning - from
hence we had a peep into
Cottersdale a sweet valley con-
taining a village absolutely
sequestered upon the banks of
the Cottersdale beck which soon
after leaving it forms the
lovely cascade formerly men-
tioned --- It was nearly dark
when we arrived at Simon-
stone after a very charming
days ramble - I should not
however forget to note that
I had a peep into Mossdale
& saw the celebrated falls
there but as they are inferior
to some others in the neigh-
bourhood & it was nearly

205.
Dark I contented myself with
viewing them at a little dis-
tance - the great fall tum-
bles down small steps & is
unadorned by trees its chief
beauty consisting of the beauti-
ful tints of the rocks &
moss it falls over - It did
not appear to be more than
40 feet high - This valley which
possesses some tolerable land
at the bottom is surround-
ed by bleak moors -

J. Harrison came in & chat-
ted with us all the evening
he talked much of the rebel-
lion of 1745 & of the Yorkshire
blues a fine regiment of York-
shire lads raised on that oc-
casion -

124th Day. / After breakfast this
Sep: 19. morning I went
to Rottersfoss to colour the
sketch I had before taken - I
also made a pencil sketch of
a very finely picturesque elm
tree on the margin of that
beck together with some
cattle - returned to dinner
after which I bade adieu

206. to the hospitable Simon
- stone and J. Harrison accom-
- panied me to Harves - we
waded over the river in
order to go a nearer way to
Ashes the seat of the Rev^d John
Metcalf a large man of great
respectability & acquirements
to whom J. Harrison introduced
me - We staid not more than
half an hour spent in agree-
- ble chat when we bent our
way to Harves - J. Harrison told
me he was with Dr. Dawson
when he measured the height
of the principal mountains
in this part & that I might
depend upon the following being
correct taken from the level
of the Ure -

Stags Fell - 1029 feet
Shunner Fell. 1314 feet
Widdal Fell 1020 feet -

The above three were the
only ones he measured but
he said that he conceived
Stags Fell. Widdal Fell - Cotten
Hill - Yorbear & Addleborough

to be nearly of the same 207.
height within a ^{large} feet at least
under or over - Dawson is
a man of such high name
that his admeasurements may
be relied on. On inspection
it appears indeed that there
is little difference between
the elevations of the principal
hills in this vicinity. It is the
common opinion here that
Thunmer Fell is higher than
Ingelbarough - I think not.
Certain it is the level of
the Ure here is at a very con-
siderable elevation above the
level of the sea - perhaps not
less than 2000 feet - a strict
examination & estimation
of the course of this river will
prove this assertion - I parted
with my good & intelligent
friend Harrison at Tharves &
had a stumbling walk in
the dark to Carr-end & was
entertained on my way by the
melodious pipings of the
Golden Plover - It was suff-
time when I arrived. P. per.

208. 125th Day / This morning of
Sep: 20. I went breakfast went
out a fishing with my uncle
in Crook's beck - I think there
is not a beck in England so
full of fish nor any bait so be-
-lying as Spawm - It struck me
that as Spawm proper for
the purpose is so difficult to
procure that an excellent imi-
-tation might be made by
-drying raw salmon flesh with
a sufficient quantity of salt
& putting into it some ingre-
-dient that would make it
adhere together - We caught 30
in a very short time & among
them was a single red eye all
the rest were trout - I wanted
a red eye to paint I therefore
ran home & set about it im-
-mediatly - I finished it the same
afternoon - Toads are very fond
of Bees & are sometimes found
in hives in this part of the
country - they will not unless
compelled by hunger feed on
dead insects but the moment
they see a fly stir they dash
out their long tongue with an
-erring aim after having sta-
-dily fixed their eye upon it
& catch with a motion so

quick as to be scarcely perceptible — The Farms in this part of Wensleydale are Dairy & Grazing where the farmer is any way substantial there always or at least generally go together but there are cases where the Dairy is alone the farmer selling his stock fit for feeding. Farms from £20 to £150 p ann: but very few of the latter — chiefly small farms & consequently happiness & comfort is more generally enjoyed — there is but about one of £150 p ann: — The largest quantity of cheese that I have heard of being made on any farms here in one year is a ton weight — The better sort of Wensleydale cheese is in my opinion the best in England as I have tasted some in no way inferior to the celebrated cheese of Stilton — This surely proof sufficient of the excellent quality of the land in the valley & low hill sides —

126th Day. / After breakfast this
Sep. 21. morning I visited
Hay Dale in order to take a
view of Lerner water & the
Dale. Besides my cousin Jane

210. & little rich? This little waite
who were to be my conductor
was a little girl of the name
of Agnes Gillbank daughter of
my uncles' man at the mill
I was uncommonly struck
with her beauty & warmth of
countenance I thought her the
sweetest girl I ever saw - her
face was perfectly beautiful
in the grecian cast but more
fire & ardour in her eye
& lip than is usual in Gre-
cian beauty - she was abt 13
years old - I felt myself so ri-
cettled to her I could not keep
my eyes from her - several
wild notions respecting her
entered my mind I seriously
thought that if in a little
time my finances could sup-
-port it I would beg her of
her poor father - procure
an excellent education for
her in London & at a sui-
-table age marry her - May
Angels protect her beauty &
innocence - The vale of Ray-
-dale is solitary & if not
grand is certainly beauti-
-ful it is the seat & estate
of Henry Pierce Esq^r near

Bedale - The only wood at all
= serving the name in these
parts is here & is probably
the remains of the great
forest which formerly exten-
= ded its edge from Leicestershire below
Nappa - Here there were more large
trees in it there can be no
doubt but there would be a con-
= siderable herowry here on all
of its vicinity to Lamer water
where there are always plenty
of these birds as it is there
is frequently a nest in this
wood - There is also a very
beautiful water fall close to
it called Startling Scar - The
view from an opening in
the wood is very fine I took
a sketch of it - Mr Gillbanks
the father of Agnes & for whose
sake I paid some attention to
to give him some money tells
me that in winter time there
are frequently from 200 to 300
tufted Ducks at a time on
Lamer water - One Liskin taken
on Ripon Common was kept
a live for a considerable time
in a cage by Bruntton & at
last sent to my uncle &
2 fine specimens have been

212. shot near Ingleby Croft
in Cleveland & preserved them.
Wheat ears. *Notacilla Aenanth*
are very common on the moor
where they breed but are not
seen in winter - neither is
the *Alauda Pratensis* though
so very common a bird here
in summer I believe the
large flocks of these birds we
have near York in winter
come from this country. The
Podiceps Auritus is common
on Fenner water where it breeds
the nest is very large & made
of rushes - the hen never quits
the nest without covering up
the eggs - sometimes the nest
breaks from its moorings &
I swim about with the hen
sitting close upon it which
she will continue to do
so long as any water is
under the nest but if by any
accident as it sometimes hap-
pens the nest is stranded
& left by the water on shore
the bird instantly forsakes
it - To those who live on
the margin of this lake
much amusement is often
afforded them by the hunter

213.
this species by birds of prey
every evolution in the air
by the latter every art of
swimming & diving in the
water by the former is exhi-
-bited -

127th Day / Went to meeting
Sep. 22. at Bainbridge with
my Uncle - cousins &c - sat in
silence & was benefitted - walked
home to dinner with ^{rich?} Thistle-
-throat - after dinner walked round
the low end of some water with
my uncle diverting ourselves by
hunting cray fish - I observed that
they seldom or never walk forward
unless compelled but run or swim
backwards with a wonderful
alacrity & dispatch when disturbed.
The Bullhead will not take a
bait by sight or distant smelling
but it is no sooner touches the fish
than it is taken - Leaches are
similar - Carrion Crows are called
Midding Doups throughout these re-
-mote Dales and the Falco Ori-
-ginosus brown - wig - In the
evening made a head ^{Walls built}
of shells &c. from the tops of mountains ^{with fine pe-}

128th Day / This being the day
Sep. 23. I appointed immediately
after breakfast my Uncle & I
sat out to visit Nappa - Mile Gile
&c - he on horseback & I on foot

214. As he had to visit Aingarth
in order to see an horse he ~~the~~
of buying he set out before me
I went round by the low force
so on to Bay whirrig by the
water side. The Camp on Brough
hill is beyond a doubt a Roman
one in good preservation Being
on higher ground I command
ed a view of it - it is a square
&c - At Askrigg I sent for ^{the} square
Sexton to shew me the church
where I wanted to see the stone
placed over Dr. Pratt Esq^r -

John Pratt Esq^r

of Askrigg

Died May 5th 1785. -

At Newmarket

And was interred here.

To commemorate the Time
And place of his Death -

This may be a record.

The humanity of his Disposition

His untarnish'd Honour

And his universal good name

Will long survive

In the memory of all who knew him.

The sexton told me he was 64
or 65 years of age - There is a

plain black stone over the 215.
remains of the last Justice Mel-
-calfe of Nappa. In the pulpit
or at least on the right side
of it was placed the last Gar-
land run for & won by an
askrigg man on the last Gar-
land Day mentioned before
the place where they run is cal-
-led the Garland Hill 'tis a
little above the town on the
North side every step the
person who comes in second
has a pair of gloves & both
the victor & the second have
as much as they can eat & drink
that day - this with the Gar-
land - gloves & the honor is
all the reward of nearly break-
ing their wind in running up
to step a place - The field is
appears is worth about £10
& ann: is situated near
Caperty - it was bequeathed to
the family of Harland on the
conditions before mentioned &
it still remains in the same
family - The garland is large
two large hoops - two small ones & is
made of the finest & most
beautiful flowers they can
collect by begging in the neighbour-
hood

216. Askruigg is a very interesting
place & I could fix upon no
object worthy of being drawn. The
church is an ancient one re-
built. Before the last repairs
there was a large piece of wood
by the porch of the church
which was filled with the
marks of sword points. About
the time of the rebellion it
was the custom of the inha-
bitants of this part of the
country to go armed to church
for fear of surprise. I sup-
pose during service. but
not being allowed to enter the
sacred place armed the
as they entered struck the
points of their naked swords
into the piece of wood above
mentioned where they re-
mained sticking 'till the
service was over - after ^{it}
it was very common to find
the armed men quarrelling
together & some of them
fighting desperately - some
times cutting & maiming
themselves ~~badly~~ - In the
church is a stone over Mrs
Pratt - There is a crop in the

market place remembering 217.
those in all the market
towns of this country - My
walk to Nappa Court 1/2 mile
was pleasant - on my ar-
-rival there found my un-
-cle not come - nobody in
the house but a nice plump
red hair'd girl who was
so suspicious of me that I
could with difficulty prevail
on her to let me sit down
till her master & mistress
came home - This damsel
tho' of a warm constitution
made resistance to certain
amorous manoeuvres on
my part - I waited alone
for above half an hour
before Mr. W. came
home I was under the
awkward necessity of intro-
-ducing myself which I
did as well as I was able
& was well received - I dined
with Mr. & Mrs. W. soon
after which my uncle
arrived - He explored the
premises as soon as pos-
-sible - The east end of this
ancient mansion is alone
inhabited the west half -

218. long being suffered to decay
unrepaired - The late Mr. Wed-
-dal had an intention of res-
-toring this part to its ancient
grandeur & it is said a plan
was actually drawn out &
it now seems that its pre-
-sent owner Lord Grantham
has some thoughts that
way - It would highly redound
to the honour of him who
shall do it be it who it
may and much expense
would not be incurred in
respect to the walls them-
selves which are still in
tolerable preservation. The
part now in ruin will
be better described by refer-
ring to my drawing from
the west side side of the
court yard - We entered the
dining room first. by mea-
-suring it with my paces
I judged it to be 30 feet
long by 24 wide - it has
a Coped roof & has had a
canopied or dom'd ceiling
lighted by two of the high old
casellated casement windows

219.
There is yet the long-narrow
very thick oak dining
table with a stone seat
at the south side of the
room running parallel
with it. There was within
this 50 or 60 years a good
deal of old armour here
but now we could find
no other than two mail
breast plates which ^{of the} ~~the~~
heavy were so small &
narrow that their wearers
must have been thin men
as I could not wear either
on my chest on account
of their narrowness. The
most tower built in a com-
pleat castellated style of
architecture now in ruin
consists of four rooms in
height one above the other.
These rooms have each
except the top one an ad-
joining one. They are
finished in a superior
manner to the other part
of the house. round the
base of the two lower
ones run rich cornices

220. of plaster representing the
arms of Metcalfe - the Crest of
cocks & owls large - dispo-
-sed amidst foliage alternately
-ly - See the arms in Nappa
am got my M.S. but there is
there a mistake. 3 owls on
a bend should be substituted
for the three swans - The
lowermost of the apartments
in the western tower which
from its superior decorations
appears to have been one of
state is now appropriated
as a turf or peat house is
being nearly full of that
useful commodity - a wind-
-ing narrow staircase in the
casellated garth leads from
this room in the south
east corner up to the others
over head - Tradition says
it was in this tower that
unfortunate Mary lodged
the two nights she was
here & as I stood in the
court yard imagination found
no difficulty in figuring
that interesting Queen look-
ing out of one of the grates

221.
windows - Hist: makes
no mention of her being
here at any time but it
is certain she was here for
one day & two nights - probably
on her way to Bolton Castle as
she was allowed to visit in the
neighbourhood - Mr. Meddal Grand
-father as I think to the present
Lord Grantham let this farm
to Geo: Dinsdale's y^d-father who
found a large chest in the
Western tower which on being
opened was found to contain
a number of curious trinkets
manuscripts &c - amongst
a number of curious letters
was one of thanks from
Queen Mary written in her
own hand to the then Mel-
-calp of Stappa for the kind
& hospitable entertainment
she had received there - Geo:
Dinsdale has now a pair of
gloves which she left there on
her visit - This letter of thanks
with some other of great curi-
osity was given by Dinsdale's
father to Mr. Brear of Middle-
ham who sent them to old
Maud of Wensley where he
had a new edition of his Wens-
-leydale a poem in contemplation

222. - tion - Maud died during the time they were in his possession & they fell into the hands of the present Col. Maud his son who not knowing that they had been borrowed by his father gave them to Dr. Townson who I understand now has them - I observed a singularity in the flooring of the rooms at least so much as remained in the west tower - They consisted of long & broad & thick oak planks - not placed as is usual across the beams but lengthways or parallel with them - a mode much inferior to the present practice - I have not a doubt but there was a similar tower to the western on the east end of the building which is wanted to render the building uniform - We could easily trace the foundation & all that was told us that in digging thereabouts he frequently met with stone & mortar foundations in the direction we traced - The western end has every appearance of

a Castle - but from the 223.
elevation of the road imme-
diately behind it - the premises
are not capable of making
much defence - There is a
remarkably tall & fine lime
tree growing near the tower
which tradition says was
planted by a famous Bar-
who fled here for refuge but
was afterwards beheaded in Lon-
don his name in the Hist
of England - There is yet
some fine timber in the
Park which has long ago
been divided into meadows
I took a more distant view
of the hall from near the
old fish ponds which are now
dry & drained - a terrace walk
ran along the top of a wall
overlooking the garden in
the front of the house -

The whole is a pleasing and
interesting place & worth the
stranger's notice. We were told
of a Trout between 8 & 9 pounds
weight that was taken in
Swaledale - The Swaledale trout
are very far inferior to the
Kensleydale trout - supposed to be
in consequence of the mines in the

22A. former. A trout was taken
in the Yore near Nappa that
weighed \$8. Mary satisfied
ourselves with rambling abt
Nappa & thanked him for
his hospitality we returned
to Askrigg & stopped at Bay
Dun formerly Pratts house
we viewed the statues &
other conveniences of the like
nature which shew Pratts
taste as well as judgment
in things of that nature
after which we walked to
Mill gill which I think
the most beautiful fall of
water in these dales - it is
about 60 feet in a finely wooded
rocky & winding glen - every
thing that a painter could
wish for is here to be found
both in the ~~land~~ ^{rocks} & wood -
higher up is another fine
fall of the same height
or thereabouts - called Arthur
or Whitfell force - & not far
hence near the bridge is a
very pretty fall surrounded
by wood called the Bowling
fall. it being close to Bowbridge

A tributary stream of Mill ^{225.}
drops over a rock in the ^{Gile}
manner of the famous well
at Knarles bro & has an e-
qually good & strong petry-
fying quality - I saw large
& fine masses of soap mud,
&c. - well encrusted - We
saw the *Motacilla Boarula*
& the *Turdus Cinclus* in
abundance here - after I had
taken a sketch of the fall
we returned to Askrigg to
tea & was waited upon by
the fine Miss Boyes a celebra-
ted toast in these parts - On
our return homewards we
called at the Free School of
We bridge to enquire of the
master concerning a trout
of unusual dimensions which
was taken in Lerne water
about 2 years ago & was seen
by him - my brother John
also saw it as it lay upon
the bridge of We as he was
accidentally passing that
way - It was a most extra-
ordinary fish & was found
in a putrid & mutilated state
on the eastern shore of Lerne

226. water after a very large flood. It was so far destroyed that its weight could not be ascertained with certainty but its head alone on being cut off weighed between 4 & 5 pounds very near the latter so that according to a moderate calculation the whole fish when a live must have weighed upwards of 20 lbs and then was no doubt of its being a perfect trout - indeed Salmon was never known here neither could they get up. This fish had probably died from sheer old age - Over the door of this Free School is the rude figure of a Mermaid of which no body can give any acct. yet it may probably have some connection with the tradition I have recently heard. There is a stone on the eastern margin of Lerner water upon which 'tis said a mermaid was frequently seen sitting & combing her hair in old time & 'tis yet called mermaid stone 'tis near the Carl stone before mentioned

This free school is chiefly ²²⁷ supported by the rent of the Black Swann inn in York which belongs to it - but the income now arising from that does not amount to ~~more than~~ £40 p^a Ann: the inn being leased at a low rent on acct of the great improvements made by Batley - At Bainbridge, near - quind when they would begin to blow the horn before mentioned - they told us on the next Thursday evening it would continue it 'till Christmas eve when they collected money for its support after which it was continued 'till late in the spring during the summer it is not blown at all - the person who blows it stands on an eminence near the summer tree in Bainbridge - Many people have been at a loss to acct for the curling & shades on certain parts of lakes not on others - this is very frequent in Limer water 'tis easy to acct for - 'tis the catching of the wind as it rises for in a short time the whole surface is covered -

228.

129th Day / I drew & wrote
 Sep: 24 nearly the whole
 of this day - My Uncle tells me
 that there is seldom or never
 a winter but he sees plenty
 of the *Emberiza Nivalis* but
 they do not always appear in
 regular numbers sometimes
 they amount to absolute myriads
 at others but few appear ac-
 cording to the severity of the
 season - They have great length
 of wing & are active & lively
 not many of them resemble
 each other in plumage - The
 Sweet Martin is not uncommon
 in Ray Dale Wood - A Pin
 Martin from the Descripⁿ I had
 of it was found attacking the
 rooks in the tall trees of a
 rookery in Langstrathdale.

130th Day / After Breakfast
 Sep: 25. this morning went
 with my uncle to examine
 the remains of the Roman
 road through Marside pasture
 He clearly traced it from the
 direction of Baynbridge or Brough
 Hill in a direct line to-
 wards Kirby Lonsdale. My father
 it seems always consid-
 ered this road as such for

merly it was called the 229.
Devils' Causeway - it is much
elevated above the level of the
lake below & has the appear-
ance of a terrace cascading
from the side of the hill
a row of stones as a kind
of support on the south
side also distinguishes it. in
some places the traces are
almost lost but in others
the road is seen fair &
level - it may be traced
for some miles we contin-
ued our journey by walking
along it for little more
than half a mile - In a
short time this fine speci-
men will probably be no
more visible as Surveyors
are now measuring out
this pasture into small
parcels for inclosure. I can
not but mention a singular
circumstance respecting the
village of Austwick not far
from Threlkirk - Formerly
there was but one knife
in the whole village - This
was called a whittle and was
pro bono publico - a summer
tree stood near the centre

131st Day / Wishing again to see
 Sep. 26. the beautiful little
 Agnes before mentioned I made
 an excuse to go & see Starling
 Scar up in Kaydale wood &
 privately spoke to Mrs Gillbank
 her father to let her go as my

could not help pleading igno 231.
rance of its situation accor-
ding she became my leader
& she looked more beautiful
than ever - I know not that
I ever spent a more happy
morning - the scenery was
new & striking & my companion
fascinating - this waterfall
is perhaps in one of the most
solitary spots imaginable
& well suited for amorous
interviews - a winding narrow
& impetuous stream foaming
amongst fragments of rocks
& fallen trees - runs through
the thickest part of a wood
with here & there a
wreath of scar appearing - &
where it falls over the
startling scar abt. 30 feet
it is completely screened
by wood here we sat I
attempted to draw with
Agnes by my side but
now was it possible I trembled
with admiration love & ad-
dore to use the language
of Burns I kiss'd her once
& over again & that amid
scenery more congenial than
even the bonny rigo of barley
the scene was perhaps pe-

232. curiously picturesque - my
beautiful little innocent lay
smiling & sighing in my arms
with a twining manner
& confidence that subdued me
she seemed like the happy
genius of the place - how
could it be possible for me
to corrupt by word or deed
so much beauty & innocence
- At this same this morn-
ing he remembered - He played
& kept & kept & played till
compelled to return to dinner
we parted sorrowfully -

Leaping & pothall are at pre-
sent the chief if not the on-
ly amusement of the rustics
of this part now - but wrestling
was even in my father's
time much in vogue as
he was a great champion
that way himself as well as
leaping - the backward &
boxing scientifically are also
in disuse - tho' the latter is
occasionally used in drunken
quarrels - My uncle was ab-
sent the greater part of this
day at Angarth buying an
horse -

132nd Day / Employed my 233rd
Sep. 27. = self after breakfast
This morning in
catching & drawing the *Cyprinus*
phoxinus of Linne. These fish
vary exceedingly in their marks
& colouring but few here are
without the blue-green-purple
- blue - crimson - silver & gold
tinges according to the light
the fish are placed in. They
also grow to a large size
here - I have seen of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
long - They are curious & inquisi-
titive tho' silly fishes - if a
large landing net is put into
the clearest water where they
are swimming tho' it frightens
them all away at first - they
immediately return & run
into by dozens together in
order to examine it when
by a sudden jerk they may
all be landed - The Bull
head & Loach are also sin-
gular in their manners. They
will not move towards a bait
by sight but it is no sooner
touches the fish seen at the
bottom than it becomes
suddenly ravenous & seizes
the bait with a wonderful
& certain avidity - The rays of

23A. The second dorsal fin of the Cottus Gobio are 16 - of the anal 12 - Short descrip: of the Cancer astacus - largest size from 6 to 7 inches long 2 large serrated claws with 2 joints - 8 legs - 2 first pair claw'd & serrated - 2 long antennae from 2 to 3 in: A small antennae - tail of 5 joints - eyes prominent - Wasps in this part of the country sometimes make pendant nests from the twigs of gooseberry trees of a size not larger than a walnut - Spent this afternoon in drawing -

133rd Day. / This was Waves
Sep: 28. - Fair Day and I accompanied my uncle then as I thought it a good opportunity of seeing the appearance & manners of the natives. In Butterside pasture I thought I found the remains of a very large tumulus or perhaps a general burial place as it consists of a very large circle formed by 12 small hills or tumuli ranged in a circle round a platform

235.
They are placed at regular
- distances from each o
- ther & appear to be formed by
fragments of limestone & earth
together. it seems my uncle
has always considered this
as some curious remains of
antiquity - it is on the way
- from the declivity of the Cray
as this large pasture is to
- be enclosed it is prob
- able some discoveries may
be made here further illu
- stration - I no sooner got
into Harrow than I heard
of the escape of the Swallow
- tail'd Falcon from Simon
- Stone on the morning of
yesterday the 27th Inst: after
a confinement of exactly 3
- weeks - It appears the owner
of it was shew'd it to some
strangers without having
had the precaution to shut
the door of the room - as he
held it perched upon a stick
Near the open door it sud
- denly darted off - flew out
at the door - & rose to a
considerable height in the
air where it was presently

236. seen & attacked by a large
body of crows who compelled it
to alight immediately it did
so in the very tree in which
it was first taken - It ^{however}
was so impatient to secure
his bird that he wd not
take the advice of John Thomp-
son of Thames who was pre-
sent & who advised him to
fetch his gun but he in-
stantly pulled off his clasp
& coat & climbed the tree
but the bird would not al-
low him to approach it
instantly took flight - mov-
ed perpendicularly to an
immense height nearly out
of sight & then it took an
horizontal and steady flight
in a direction nearly due
south and was seen no
more - It appears to a stran-
ger truly astonishing how it
is possible to collect together
so great a number of people
in such a small town
as Harver fair exhibits it
only however its great celebrity
to day on which it is holden
being well timed - it is true

one day before C.B. rough 23]
hills fair - the largest for cattle
perhaps in the whole North
of England (by the bye it may
not be amiss to note that I
have just heard that Skipton
is the largest market for fat
cattle in Gt. Britain excepting
Smithfield and even to that
it falls little short) - I observed
that all sort of live stock as
well as common merchandise
is here called goods - I thought
I saw as many men of 6 feet
high in the fair as under
and in general the men are
handsome - strong & very stout
I scarcely need say the girls
are pretty - I was a good deal
diverted by watching the sale
of the little Galloways that
are bred amongst the hills
& have never been broke
they are driven from the
moors on which they have
roamed like shaggy bears
from the day of their birth
to the fair in large com-
panies where they stand
together in separate parties
according to their masters' status

238. in the fair as they have
never been haltered it is ex-
ceedingly diverting to see that
operation performed in the
open fair - when one is pitched
upon by a purchaser - a tall
stout very strong ruffianlike
fellow who is accustomed to
the exercise seizes the un-
happy brute round the neck
with one arm whilst with
the other hand he seizes the
four bridle by the nose throw-
ing his fingers into the nos-
trils & grasping that tender
part with his whole might
thus beset & tortured the
of a horse runs backward
-ing & rearing & tugging with
enemy - as another holds upon
the tortured animal a strong
man pulls it by the tail with
all his might this to prevent
it from kicking - Thus ham-
pered the men & Galloway tumble
about 'till all are tired the beast
is haltered - within this few years
a purchaser might choose in
one of these lots of horses for 5
guineas - this race of horses is
chiefly confined to the moun-
-tains & even there they are
gradually becoming less &
less numerous - The town was

239.
Full we could scarcely
then the mob & at other times
scarcely a person is to be seen
in the streets - but this town
has an excellent market
on Tues Days - this fair is
annual - The inhabitants on
this occasion are particularly
hospitable open house is kept
for all friends as well as
relations visiting the fair
where a table well covered
with excellent provisions is
found ready to sit to al-
most at any hour in the
day for this convenience
the meat is generally if not
always cold. & a large piece
of roasting beef is always
as an indispensable article
at the head of the table - If
the manners of the people
are not refined they are open
& free & generous - I observed a
custom which is as common
as it borders on licentiousness.

Walking about the fair I
frequently saw the country youths
go up to the nice buxom girls
saying - Bess Jenny or whatever
her name might be - com-
dial give the a fairing if the
gang let me gang home with

240. Ther at neet - This off or I
observed was generally accepted &
on enquiry I found it was meant
as an apignation for the parties
to spend some time in an amo-
-rous way under a hedge or
other suitable place on their
return from the fair to their
village - This kind of apigna-
-tion is not always made
between parties long previous-
-ly acquainted but sometimes
even with almost absolute
strangers - In almost every
public house I believe all-
-were much dancing & music
from the violin & petty gamb-
-ol was also exercised on tables
in the fair - The streets were
filled with stalls covered with
every article of merchandise
toys - To day I learnt from
Mr Jackson Lord Granthams
house steward that he had
seen a fine Osprey fishing
in Newby park near the
house last week that it
suffered him to approach very
near & he saw it strike se-
-veral fish - He staid in the
fair till evening when we
returned to Lare-oud convers-
-ing by the way about birds

The Grouse on these moors D.D.
as they do in Scotland in se-
-vere weather in winter flock
about the hamlets on the
moors frequently sitting on the
chimney tops far in arnuth &
sometimes falling down them.
In this state they are so tame
that they will suffer them-
-selves to be shot at repeatedly
not very long ago a grouse
absolutely took refuge in
the tower of Harrow from
the intensity of cold--

134th Day. / Being Sunday
Sep. 29. I went to meeting
with my uncle's family at
Countryside - Mr Thompson &
some other friends from Harrow
returned to dine at Carrick.
I drank tea & disputed on
politics with cousin Richd -
Thistlethwaite - my cousin Alex-
-ander came home today from
Aylton - he had called at Wetherby
on his way & John Humphreys
of that place had given him
a female of the Loxia Cocco-
-thraustes that was shot
there not long ago - which
he showed me badly stuffed
Alexr told me that in Harrow
Wood he has found the nests of

242. The *Parus bairdatus* with
as many as 23 & sometimes
24 eggs in them being stuffed
quite full with the old bird
beside —

135th Day / It had been my in-
tention to leave Barn-
-end to day but as my cousin
John Fothergill was expected
today to meet Alce^r & as I had
not seen him for 10 years
I thought fit to wait to
see him which I did to
dinner — I like Alce^r very
much the best & think his
abilities of a much higher
cast — I made a discovery
in Yorkshire Ornithology today
the bird which Alce^r has
brought for a Greenshank I
have no doubt is the Cinere-
ous Godwit — It was shot by
my uncle at Lerner water
side & was a remarkably
active & restless bird. of this ge-
nerally scarce species I have
now known several speci-
-mens — A Lincoffs have one
in their museum shot near
Boro bridge. & I saw a speci-
-men once at York —

If German water was only better regarded by a resident I have no doubt but it would afford many extremely rare & curious water birds - Its Ornithological list is important as a large inn or resting place in the centre of the country narrow between two mighty seas - many ducks winter upon the water & stay during the day but depart at night. Most of this day I spent in drawing -

136th Day - / This morning
Dec. 1. I bade adieu to
Barr and after a
charming stay in its vicinity
& at it for more than a
month - At Bainbridge I stop-
-ped to see the roman camp
on Brough hill - It is nearly
a parallelogram upon a hill
commanding a fine view of
the Dale on every side - Accord-
-ing to my paces I made it
390 feet long by 300 wide
all round it on the outside
of the mound is the appear-
-ance of a fosse or road
30 feet wide - near the centre
of each side is an entrance
or opening into it thro' the
mound. & on the south side

244. of the east entrance is a considerable circular mound close to the opening. Perhaps for the erection of the Roman standard - I thought that I could discern the remains of a similar one on the opposite side but it seemed to have sunk down nearly to the level of the general mound - the grand entrance appeared to me to have been on the south side as I could clearly trace the Roman road up the hill to this entrance for the sake of ease it took rather a winding direction up the declivity differing in that respect from Roman roads in general - the interior part of the parallelogram is not hollow but raised like the top of a table & of such an inequality of surface as to appear more like the site of a tower than a camp however this roughness is in part tho' by no means altogether occasioned by the

245.

foundations of stone fences
which have traversed it
in various directions - Its si-
-tuation is naturally strong
the 'commanded by surround-
-ing height on each side
the valley tho' not near
enough for any other instu-
-ment of destruction to act
upon it excepting cannon.
The people of this neighbour-
-hood still maintain the
tradition of this being the
~~summer~~ ^{winter} camp & the sum-
-mit of Addeburgh or Aid-
leburgh - the summer
camp of the Romans - be-
-cause as it may little there
are little remains on the
latter whilst the camp on
the former is very perfect.
I dined at Hayes Inn at Ask-
-rigg & drew some rare birds
of Alexanders doing afterwards
The hill behind Askrigg which
I was obliged to rise ~~up~~ in my
way to Reeth is of a very
steep & long ascent - perhaps
two miles - however the
wearisome labour of ascending
it is amply repaid by the fine
views seen backwards from its

246. sides & summit - over the
lower mountains of Wensley
dale I could clearly discern those
of Inglesborough & Wharfedale
Some of the Westmoreland
mountains - On the top of
this hill are many coal
mines close to the road &
the country people were busily
employed in getting peat ^{fuel}.
Descending from this hill
In a dale with its distant
black hills full of mines ap-
-pears - This vale is narrow
winding & far inferior (tho
its land is very good) to Wen-
-sleydale - I followed the course
of the Ina, which is here
shallow & turbulent & disco-
-coloured with the washing
of ore, all the way to ^{Reeth}.
The vally is extremely popu-
-lous & well cultivated - not
so the hills whose sum-
-mits are nearly incapable
of it - Arrived at Reeth I
proceeded to Thrym at
whose house I took up
abode - Found a letter ^{my} from
my brother Wm of Gouham & one from

137th Day. / Read & wrote 247.
Oct: 2. This day 'till even-
ing when Fryer
look me ^{up} to Marske & intro-
-duced to me John Mutton Esqr
one of my subscribers - He is
a late - stout & remarkably
handsome man ^{whose head} I would make
a fine bust than any Roman
or Grecian sculpture - I ever
saw - he is a man of great
talents by nature & tolerably
well cultivated - a great lover
of books - a sportsman &
an agriculturist - fond of his
hottle & good cheer - no
pretension - has about
£5000 & Ann: from a paternal
estate & is a good speci-
-men of a complete English
Squire is fond of Bantering
& likes a good butt in com-
-pany I will always have
one - is remarkably well
informed ^{liberal} & in the Royal
Dales Volunteers & is in every
respect a pleasing - entertain-
g & interesting companion
Our conversation was some-
-times serious - sometimes
gay - we kept it up 'till
between 2 & 3 o'clock in

248. the morning - The only per-
son present besides Fryer &
myself & mine host was a
Mr Gordon a wine merchant
of Gilling & brother to Mr
of Fountains Hall - Mrs. Hut-
-ton the mother of mine host
is a large coarse & rather
vulgar woman - she was
a servant in the very house
when she is now mistress
It seems to be no uncommon
practice for the Squires of
this part of the country to mar-
ry their servants & not seek
alliances of a more noble
nature - Chaytor of Spenni-
-thorne married his maid - these
indiscretions are sure to make
the offspring more or less vul-
-gar especially the daughters
It was on this estate that
this Mr. Mutton's father bred
all his famous race horses
I begin to think a moun-
-tainous country containing
rich valleys & where the cli-
-mate is not too cold the
best kind of country for the

249.
breeding of racers & hun-
ters - tis certain - the air
water & herbage is sweeter
& consequently more whole-
some - On our return
4th mile to Keith Fryer
(as he frequently does on the
like occasions) fell fast &
- sleep on horseback holding
his stick - Fryer tho' ac-
- customed to great absence
is a complaisant bon vivant
I am told he is sometimes
so involved either in ma-
- thematical calculations
or sleep on horseback at
night that his horse fre-
- quently being left to itself
rambles out of the way
& loses both itself & master
for a time - Thus it did
sometime last week near
Richmond & fell down
a stone quarry violently
wounding & maiming poor
F in the face.

138th Day / Read & wrote
Oct. 3. till after dinner
when Fryer & I walked to

250. Marvik Abbey - but first went
to the village half a mile be-
yond for the key - It is situated
on an eminence upon the Nor-
thern bank of Inval about 2
miles from Reeth - The body has
a very ancient appearance the
tower has been repaired - there
are but two aisles now re-
maining - the middle one &
the north - in the centre of
the middle aisle is this stone

✠ SUB IACIT PETRA &c

Plains black mar-
ble -

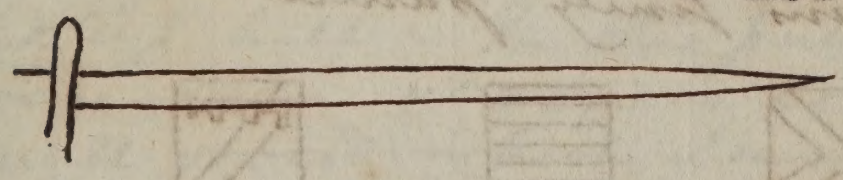
The remains of a tomb over
a Metcalfe now forming one
of the steps into the Chancel
bears the following fragment
of an inscription in Old Eng-
lish character -

Hic iacet D^{na} celiba
Metcalfe

This has doubtless been placed over
a nun of that family or a
good contributor to this abbey
who has been buried here.

A step (also part of a tomb)
leading into the Sanctuary
sanctuarium or precincts of
the altar bears the following yet
more ancient inscription -

TV Dⁿⁱ3A ROGERI
TERO.



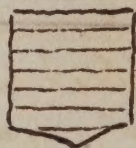
And the following which be-
-yond doubt appears to be a
part of the East is upon a
stone forming part of the floor
of the sanctuary - &c - a fragment

SERINGRIT FVNDATORES HVIVS LOCI.

The above has doubtless formed part of the stone placed over the founder of this Abbey. It is a great shame that the ancient grave stones of this place should have been so mutilated all over the pavement in places may be seen sword & fragments of inscriptions in rude sculpture of which little can now be made in consequence of their being wilfully mutilated. In the east window are three arms finely painted



Neville -



Scrope

Neville field azure

There are several black marble
 tombs without inscriptions in
 the middle aisle - The roof &
 south side will very soon
 be no more they seem now
 on the point of destruction - the
 ceiling is boarded & ornamented
 with paintings and sculptured
 knobs - There are little or no
 remains of the outbuilding, &
 the monastery - tho' there are
 some large heaps of rubbish
 overgrown with nettles and the
 farm house adjoining with
 its offices are evidently built
 out of the ruins of the Abbey.
 The church is yet used for
 weekly service but that
 cannot long continue its ruin
 is so near - The village of
 Marick is about half a
 mile farther on the top of
 a steep hill - In the public
 house there I saw a long
 small sword which I under-
 stood was used in the sword
 dancing which is an amuse-
 ment still practiced in
 this part of the country & is
 one of so singular a nature

254. That I must endeavour to give an exact account of it —

139th (Day) — read - wrote & drew
Oct. 4. This Day 'till evening
when Fryer & I walked to Grim-
ston Church - I was much
pleased with some fragments
of remarkably fine & ancient
painted glass in the East win-
-dow - which at first I thought
must have been brought from
Marick Abbey - but on inspec-
tion we found the remains of
an inscription on the glass with
the words Maria - & afterwards
Bredlyngtome in old English
characters - now this church
formerly belonged to Bridling-
ton Abbey & as I think was
dedicated to the Holy Virgin
so that if this glass was
not brought from that mo-
-nastery at the Dissolution
it has most likely been here
from the first - This church
has nothing ancient about
it excepting its form & this
glass so that I am appre-
-hensive it has been built
out of the ruins of one much

more magnificent as it 255.
was a narrow church in
old time - See the Harleian
M. S. S. There has been a
Crucifixion in the East win-
dow superior in Drawg. &
Design to any works I ever
saw on glass - but it has
been cruelly mutilated - the
window & the whole chan-
cel as I am told belongs to
the Lady Wade - formerly
Miss Fenton but afterwards
married to Lord Wade - Near
the porch is a Roman Ca-
tholic cross lying over a grave
as it is supposed - There are
the arms & initials of John
Swale of Swale hall in one
of the windows - We staid
in the Church 'till it was
dark when we adjourned to
Fremington Fryer talking
about his strong desire to
steal the glass - We had the
old Parish Clerk into the pub-
lic house to drink a glass
& smoke a pipe - From this
man I got some curious &
authentic information - Athle-
tic exercises amongst the lower
orders of the people are seldom

256. practised now - Those noble
pastimes which were frequent
even no longer ago than 50
years are now nearly no more
they have given place
to pitchhalpenny (the most fre-
quent game here) - & spell & wor-
cricket. & such like - yet it
is not long since this neigh-
bourhood was famous for its
runners & in particular for
its excellent leapers - I am glad
however to hear that wrest-
ling is still in vogue a-
mongst the miners on certain
public occasions - festivals &
merry meetings - they have two
modes of getting to - one by
taking hold of each others hands
& directing their efforts at the
feet & legs - the other the old
fashioned way round the waist
where more strength is re-
quired - A Belt for the waist
is the usual prize and there
are sometimes richly worked
or embroidered for the occasion
- These belts are commonly of
strong buff leather - they are
still worn by the old people
here - at least amongst cer-
tain individuals - it is a

very old fashion & a century ago neither old nor young men were often seen without them - here they are principally worn by the miners chiefly under the idea that they impart strength in certain hard labour particularly in climbing up the shafts made thus 

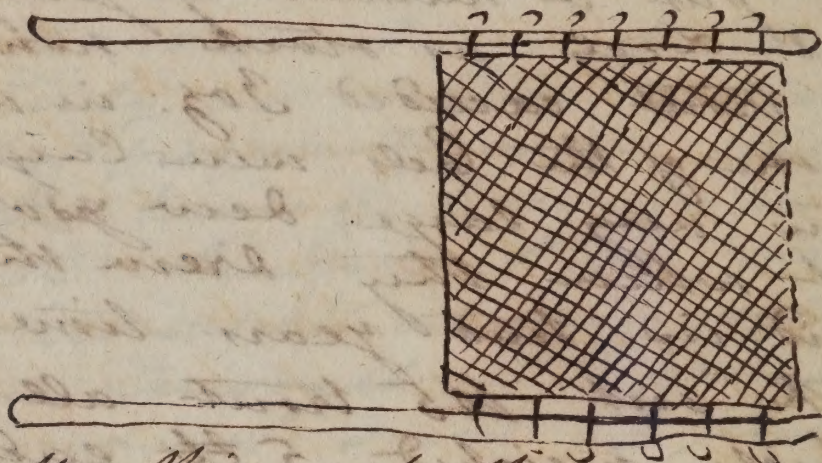
The wearers strongly insist upon their being strong - even for wearing these belts. They probably had their origin for the purpose of holding garments together before the invention of buttons but now I believe they are worn for little if any thing more than ornament - they are buckled with a large buckle tight round the waist.

Football was amongst the former athletic games but it seems to have been dropped in consequence of accidents happening not infrequently particularly broken legs in consequence of the players wearing such terrible thick shoes armed with iron - The men of Arkendale were particularly famous at this game & they frequently challenged

258. to play 13 of their men a-
-gainst 13 from any other quar-
-ter - Red deer were common
on the mountains of Invaldale
so lately as within 60 years
& they frequently were shot close
to the towers of Fremington &
Ruth - hunting them was a
fashionable amusement e-
ven amongst the poor - My
informant saw 13 fine Hags
together upon the fell like
hind Fremington not more
than 60 years ago - Otters &
Badgers were extremely nu-
-merous when he was young
now not one is to be got
of either whereas two or three
might be got with ease in
an afternoon 40 or even 50 years
ago - I have often wished to
have an opportunity of ascer-
-taining the growth of Fish
A well authenticated circum-
-stance told me by this clerk
assist me very materially - A
few years ago a new fish
pond of abt an acre in size
was made about half a mile
west of Ruth - banked round
in a valley with a stream

from the hills running thro 259.
it - Into this new pond he him-
-self put a number of young
trout & eels as stock none of
the trout exceeded 3oz: in weight
& none of the Eels were larger
than very large dew worms
yet when they drew the
pond in two years time they
took out 105 trout all of
which weighed 5 lb each ex-
-cepting one which weighed
6 lb - a most extraordinary
and rapid growth indeed. &
some of the Eels weighed from
3 to 4 lbs many of them
were 2 lbs - this rapid increase
of weight might in part de-
-pend upon the newness of the
pond. They are now stocking
it again & a new experi-
-ment will be made. There
has been caught eels in the
Swale here of 3 1/2 lb - Sal-
-mon have been sometimes
taken - there must have been
-ped at Richmond Mill a
considerable height. They used
to fish for Eels in this neigh-
-bourhood with a net called a
grading net - it is made like

260. a Bat fowling net. 2 shalps
or handles - & a square net



with this net the fisher pokes
about in holes under banks
in likely places. The eels run
into it & — At Mr. Milbark's
seat between here & Darlington
a swan was observed for a whole
day with its head under water
& its rump sticking up
something was naturally enough
concluded to be a snipe. The bird
was taken out - it was dead
& its head & part of the neck
was fast in the throat of
a large pike which had
attempted to swallow it &
which was taken out with
the swan — As the Clerk
was going a fishing with a
another man in Gill Beck
near Leyburn - he observed an
eel lying quite straight &
motionless at the bottom the

water was clear & the 26th.
fish not attempting to move
away they put a net under
it & brought it onto land
its mouth was wide open
it was not quite dead
but was in the act of cho-
king by having an huge
toad stuck fast in its
throat which it had attempt-
ed to swallow - Fossil oak
wood is not unfrequently found
in the Swale but on the
moors in the Peat nothing
but Birch & a few alder - Thus
it seems when this Dale ^{was}
a forest it resembled Wen-
sleydale in having fine
oak in the valleys where
the soil was good & birch
&c on the mountains where
it was indifferent - Quan-
tities of old armour & various
ancient household utensils
have been found in almost
every part of this Dale here-
abouts - Seventy years ago
there were but 3 slated houses
in Reeth all the rest were
poor thatched dwellings. It
increased in wealth & inhabitants
owing to the mines -

140th Day / Immediately after
 Oct. "5. Breakfast this
 morning went to Epington
 Church to draw the fine
 painted glass there - I locked
 myself in & drew in peace
 till dinner time - after din-
 ner I returned - am visited
 by the parson Edmunds an
 odd kind of scene with
 my drawing on the altar
 table during the service
 of funerals - Baptisms &c
 together with some other
 Church ceremonies galloped
 over on the very table I am
 drawing on & at the same
 time - whilst people were
 kneeling about me - the
 scene was so ludicrous, I
 could not but smile - My
 Uncle John did not know ~~the~~
 they had the Vespertilio Alti-
 volans in this part of the
 country I however found one
 dead in this church today.
 Out of a book of Edmunds
 I copied the statement of
 the population of this vale
 which last taken by order of

Government - It is as fol 263.
-Cons-

An Act of the Population in
the Division of Melbeck in
the Parish of Grinton. 1801.

Inhabited houses. 242.

By how many } 259.
families }

No. of males - - - - 600

- - - of females - - - - 674

1274.

No. employ'd in Agriculture .. 15.

-- in trade. manufac: & } ... 54
handicrafts }

all others not comprised } 1205
in $\frac{1}{2}$ preceding classes }

1274.

Houses in Grinton 46.

Inhabitants - - - - 186.

Houses in Fremington - - 30.

Inhabitants male of do 93

- - - - - female of do 80

173.

Houses in Reeth - - - - 170

Male Inhabitants .. 456.

Female do - - - - 500.

956.

Carry'd Over -

26A.

Male Inhabitants of Muker. 555.

Female Do — Do — 564

1119.

Houses in Grinton Division 140.

Male Inhabitants 246

Female Do — — — — 272 - 518.

Houses in Melbeck's Division 242.

Male Inhabitants 600

Female Do — — — — 674 - 1274.

So that, according to the above
acct, the total number of
Inhabitants is 4040 —

I staid in the Church till it
was too dark to see to do
any more. I have begun fac
similar of all the curiours
glap there. A Knight & Dra-
gon - Bishop's head - Apostles
head - Monks head with a comb
a Friars head — — Fryar was
abt at litch market today —

14th Day. / Went to meeting
Oct. 6. in the School
room this meeting not above
8 or 9 individuals - influence on
certain places on ones worship.
Dined with Geo: Rane p.

after dinner walked with 265.
Fryer who was going to As-
-krigg - as far as the wonder-
-ful roman fortification
yet called by tradition
Maiden Castle - It is the
most wonderful thing of
the kind I ever saw but
as we are going to measure
it exactly & make a drawing
I - I shall defer my de-
-scription - As an amuse-
-ment at certain times here
a pig's tail which has been
shortened is soaped or greased
& turned adrift for the rustics
to catch by the tail - Pigs
are killed at times here & it
is done by cutting the tail
abt - two or three inches of
it off. - ^{More game in the Roman park}
with grey shoulders and not more than ^{three} inches

142nd Day / After breakfast
Oct. 7. I went to Grinton
Church to work at my copies
of the painted glass there & staid
'till one - came to tea to dine
after dinner returned to Grinton
church & worked 'till four o'
clock - returned to tea - after

266. which I packed up some
necessary articles and set out
for Middleham - partly to see
my nymph & partly for the
purpose of sketching Middle
ham Castle from the south
east - I had a mild - gloomy
kind of walk of 10 miles in
the dusk of the evening & by
moonlight over hills & moors,
of dreariness till the last
two miles which lay thro'
part of beautiful Hembydale.
As I passed the ferry I desired
the old man there, the famous
fisherman, to come & take
a glass with me at the inn
& complete my acct. of the
fish found in the river here.
After supper who should come
in but Fryer from asking
he had called at Spensfortham
at Chaytors & had made
himself brisk with their
strong waters - We were soon
joined by the old fisherman
& in consequence of a sys-
tem of questions I make the
following additions to my

former acct. A Salmon 267.
was killed in the river ~~at~~
~~at the same place~~ ~~at the same place~~ ~~at the same place~~
five years ago that weighed
47 lbs - it was taken in Jer-
-vause ing near the abbey &
was there out of season so that
it would have weighed at the
least 50 lbs in proper season
Salmon frequently, perhaps every
year endeavour to leap Aigath
Fop in their way higher up.
were they able to surmount
the top of the lower fall. This
would be a much higher leap
than the famous one on the
river Shannon in Ireland
as it is the poor fish far
ever unable to gain the
summit leap higher or at
least as high as any leap
of the kind in Great Bri-
-tain - The unlawful fishers
of the vicinity take advan-
-tage of this season of the
year & at this place to kill
them with their lists - after
a Salmon has made a few
unsuccessful attempts it be-
-comes weary & runs under an

268. The trout's root or large stone
there to rest 'till its strength
is sufficiently recruited for
another & another attempt.
In this situation of rest - the
water being clear - the poacher
discovers the unhappy fish
& with an almost unerring
aim transpierces its back with
a deadly wound - In consequence
of the Salmon being unable
to pass this fall - they lay their
spawn in great quantities
in the gravelly bottoms be-
-tween Middleham & those
cataracts - affording a fine tho
an unlucky field for the
poacher - The history & risks
the Salmon have to run
from their entrance into
the Thumber so far as here
inland in order to perform
the interesting functions of
fecundity - is highly interesting
in the detail - happy is it
for the fish that they are
ignorant of the enemies
they have to encounter & the

difficulties it is necessary^{269.}
for them to surmount -
Two poaching modes of killing
them are here & in this vi-
cinity in constant practice at
the season they are here
which is of course only in
spawning time - The click
hook I have already men-
tioned but my former ac-
count was erroneous - The line does
not extend across the river
but is only put into the
likely places where fish lie
is fastened to a stake that
is left lying on the ground
when a fish is within reach
it is suddenly jerked or clicked
up & the fish is taken
usually by the belly - The
click hook is formed by
three hooks of equal size
back to back like the
common snap hook - The
other mode is by what is
called blazing & is thus per-
formed - In dark night a
tar-light is fixed in the
cleft of a ~~short~~ strong stick
being set on fire it is held

270. in a suitable place - shallow water is the best - over the surface of the water - curiosity immediately brings all the salmon within sight to the spot and they lie under the blazing light enjoying or admiring the novelty of the scene whilst the light is so great & the water so clear that a pin may be seen at the bottom - Two men are employed one who holds the light & the other goes into the water with a cist behind the fish where he strikes which he pleases. These cisters are neither more nor less than large eel spears having many barbed grains near each other & a wooden shaft of 2 yds or 2 1/2 yds long - the fishers are extremely expert with this cruel instrument they rarely miss their aim even at the distance of 10 yds - When salmon are nearly with having being chased about they always take refuge in deeps under the roots of old trees where they remain motionless till dark

27.
- efficiently recruited - The fish
- men know this & they have
a method of tiring & chasing
them which they call stoning.
Perhaps half a day is con-
- sumed before the desired effect
is produced - men on each
side of the river chase the
poor fish by throwing stones
incessantly into the water be-
hind them 'till the fish
are tired or arrived in a sui-
- cidal place - when under
the roots they are seen &
struck by the lister - some-
- times two are struck at
once - The largest Barbel
that was ever taken here
was killed this way by a
lister & it weighed 10 lbs -
at a time when they were
stoning for Salmon - The be-
- liefs of working a hole for the
reception of the spawn is the
labour of the female alone
& happy is it for her if nature
has enabled her to experience
any delight in so painful
a labour - The fish may ea-
- sily be seen at work in
the most curious & rapid

272. manner sometimes wrig-
-gling her body sideways some-
-times turning round like a
spindle baring with her
making sand & gravel ^{fly}
fly from her on all sides
discolouring the water. The
fish frequently makes a
hole so large as to take
a man up to the middle
in this she deposits her eggs
& covers it up. & trusting ^{faith} it
to the protection of nature
returns towards the ocean.
I understand the Lamprey is
only found here in the spawn-
ing season coming in April
solely for that purpose & re-
-turning when the business
is over which is generally
in less than a month. It
is reported that a large trea-
-sure in money was found in
Jervana Abbey a few years ago
two families in particular
became rich all at once
they were employed in pulling
down a part of the abbey. The
fact is not doubted.

The furniture of the cas 273.
the of ~~Antiquities~~ Mid I believe
became widely spread and
when that building became
untenable - Besides Mr. Breary
Chair & Cupboard - I have heard
of a bed stocks at Grinton cu-
riously carved with arms &
a small toilet or dressing
table now in the old ferry-
man's house here - From
my going to bed 'till 10 o'clock
in the morning I enjoyed my
nymph tho' my pleasure was
not a little damped by occasion-
al qualms of conscience on her
account - I was left & rose in
the morning as weak as a
cat -

143rd Day / Fryer Joked
Oct. 8. me & my nymph
rather freely this morning
being acquainted with our
amours - Immediately after
breakfast we set out to-
gether for Wensley - he as
usual on horseback & my
worship on foot - Our ride
& walk was exquisite this is
certainly one of the finest
vallies in Europe - Arriv-
ed at Wensley we got the
key of the church & went
thro' it by ourselves - The

274. Splendid piece of the Scropes
brought from Easby Abbey &
placed here - is a great cu-
riosity & is perhaps one of the
grandest in England - It is
said that the removal of the
piece caused the then Lord
to engage in the pilgrimage
of Grace & how he escaped
beheading is not yet clear
see the Hist. of England. For
an acct of the Decorations of
this piece see my M.S. It is
divided into a passage & 3 com-
partments - the letters & arma-
ment are splendidly gilt - has
been considerably larger in
its former situation - Tomb of
the Scropes - Marchmont of Winchester
- painted glass - Tomb of the
Saxon chief - Visit to Bolton
hall - A few good portraits - Henry
Lord Scrope the warrior of
Hodden field with his ^{Maiden} Lady
the daughter of Lord Dacre
apparently by Holbein very
fine oil painting - ^{Harry} ~~James~~ Scrope
armed for the tilt yard
very fine - & Thos - Lord Scrope
of Bolton son of Henry

273.

I. Cast with his Lady - Mary -
dangther of the Duke of
Norfolk - and the exqui-
-site portrait of Constance
the last Lord Droghda Lord of
Sunderland - by Vandyke
in his very best style. This
is one of the finest portraits
I ever saw - I went with
Fryer to Leyburn to dine as
he wanted to write a letter
by that days post - On my
way - caught some new spe-
-cies of spiders - particularly
one very beautiful - small
oval body - top bright scar-
-let - sides yellow - legs 8 &
remarkably long & delicate
top a light pale brown &
hairy - it was dead & had
been caught by a large spi-
-der in its web for food. The
kind I call the fern back
spider makes a curious kind
of house besides its web by
fastening - A net leaves together
- then so as to form 3 dis-
-tinct apartments one with
- in another - in the further
- most one deposited the eggs
It is done by throwing mucus eggs

276. I saw a whole holly bush
covered with the webs of this spe-
cies. They roll themselves up
& lie motionless like hedgehogs
when they fall. I suppose as
a security - After dinner went
again to Hensley called on
Col^d Maude who was not
at home - visited Mr. Thomp-
son with whom we drank
tea & grog - he shot a pair
of Carge Doves a few years ago
here in a flood that were
somewhat larger than a good
Fryer & I sup'd together at
Leyburn after which he went
off to bed & I staid there
all night -

14th Day / Walked down to
civ. g. Hensley got the key
& drew in the church for an hour
Col^d Maude sent his serv^t to
me there begg^g my company to
dinner being engaged to dine
at Bolton Hall I could only call
& apologise to dine with him
on some future day - I looked
over Latham's Index Ornitholo

= gicus there for the Ival 277.
= low tailed Falcon in vain.
From hence to Bolton hall
a charming walk of one mile
Bolton hall was finished in the
year 1678 when the family mo-
= ved from the Castle here. It is
built of brick in the fashion of
Elizabeth's reign. I was very
hospitably entertained by Mrs
Sadler & young Sadler - after
dinner we searched amongst
the old M. S. S in the Evidence
closet but an acct of the ca-
= talogue being lost we made
little out - there are some
very ancient papers but they
appear to relate solely to the
estate which at this time
in Wensleydale yields about
£9000 £ ann. I saw se-
= veral old papers of the 12th
13th & 14th centuries. It is
authentically reported that the
Duke of Bolton who possessed
& bred the famous race horse
called Bay Bolton - once lost
this estate by gaming but
that this horse won it back
again in consequence of which

278. he became so endeared to his noble master that when his course was run & he became a tenant of the grave the Duke honoured him with a ceremonious sepulture & erected a monument over him - Whether this report is true cannot now perhaps be ascertained but certain it is the horse in question was decently interred & a monument consisting of a flat column abt 9 feet high at his head & another at his tail marking his length was erected over him & may now be seen at the distance of about 2 miles from Ballin Hall exactly opposite to it on the other side of the valley formerly a double row of large trees led up to it but the uniformity of such an avenue if ever there was one is now destroyed - I staid at Ballin Hall 'till dusk & then sat out for Middlemham & in my journey thither lost my way - Spent the night my

with my mistrep - Thin 279.
part of Wensley Dale may be
a little more distinguished
from the upper end by the
sight of various corn fields
interspersed amongst the mea-
-dows & by being broader - A
very few years ago this de-
-lightful valley was very lit-
-tle known to travellers or to
summer visitants but since
a great proportion of the com-
-pany visiting the Lakes
now go this way instead
of the more barren route thro
Lancashire - its fame may
become justly extended -

145th Day / In my way back
Oct 10. to Wensley this morn-
ing I took a sketch
of the bridge & church - part of
the old bridge spoken of by De-
-land still remains in the
former - Col^t Maude is lay-
out a deal of money foolishly in
my opinion on a new house
on Lord Bolton's land - My walk
thro' Bolton Woods & park to-
wards the Castle was de-
-lightful - the river tumbling

280: our large stones & iron frag-
ments of rock rolls at the bot-
tom of high banks shrouded with
rich wood - at the end of the wood
next the castle is a fine view
of that building seen thro' a kind
of vista - I took a sketch - I ar-
rived at the castle after Mr-
Wood's usual dinner hour - but
had a very comfortable one set
out for me by the charming
& engaging Mrs W. It was dull
enough but I was a long time
wandering amongst the ruins of
the castle before I could disco-
ver & find my way into the
habitable part - then Mr W.
informed me was no unusual
circumstance - I questioned Mr-
W concerning the glass in Queen
Mary's room which had been
so sacrilegiously stolen by a
Lady of quality - he saw the
transaction himself & said
it was taken by a daughter
of the last Duke of Bolton &
-terwards married to Lord
Inchinkbrook - he was standing
by her side when she sent
her servant for a knife to

take it out with. In the 281.
unfortunate Queen's own love-
ly hand was written these
words on one of the small
panes of glass - "In this dole-
-ful apartment was I Mary
of Scotland Reg: confined so
long" - & a little lower down
in the same window "Pray
God send me a speedy deli-
-verance" - This glass which
derived its value & importance
from its Locality would have
been justly deemed a great
curiosity by all travellers
this way - but what was its
fate. The Vandalic lady ordered
it to be packed up & sent
to her seat in the south
of England - it was broken
to pieces on the journey &
is now no more - Let my
indignation have bounds -
On visiting this interesting
apartment afterwards it was
plain that one half of the
little window that contain-
-ed this glass - still exhibited
the same panes that were
in it at the time of the Queen

282. cruel confinement - the hall
which contained the interesting
inscription is now filled with
modern square panes - This sa-
-cilege was committed about
ⁱⁿ the year 1764 - It was in the
winter of 1759 - that the North
eastern tower fell during the
night into the village with
a most tremendous crash - it
was supposed that this tower
fell in consequence of the chief
force of the besiegers in the
civil wars being directed agt.
this corner - in consequence of
which it had been much
damaged - Wood tells me that
Groses Act of this castle is a
good one & may be relied on
so far as his own observation
goes - I did little this afternoon
but sit in the house & converse
It is clear that the early inhabitants
of the district of Wensleydale first
settled on the hills and as the
wood was cleared away descend-
ed into the valley - There are yet
the remains of small inclosures
on the summits of the hills whi-

were formerly cultivated but
 are now extensive sheep walks
 and amongst the reasons alleged
 by the Monks of Foss for the
 removal of their abbey was the
 vast number of wolves that
 infested those parts besides the
 corn not ripening well. Now
 the circumstance of the wolves
 is decidedly against the univer-
 -sal assertion of all our historians
 Mr. Wood's family is particularly
 agreeable - The rooms of the castle
 are very lofty & have been fitted
 up from the ruins at a great
 expence -

146th Day / Immediately after
 Oct. 11. Breakfast I took
 a ride with Mr. James Wood
 to Bearpark to see a curious
 stone there which it is said
 was brought from some neigh-
 -bouring abbey - as ^{Bearpark} it belonged
 to Harriock's Abbey that has
 the greatest claim upon it
 The stone is now fixed in the

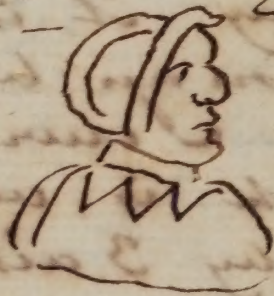
284. back part of the house and
is about 2 1/2 yards long by 1 high
in very rude sculpture see the
drawing - Bearpark is a farm
house delightfully situated on the
Northern banks of the Ure exact-
ly opposite to Asgarth - The arms
on the stone mentioned above
have a curious allusion to
the crucifixion of our Saviour
the inscription under it as well
as I could make it out was
as follows the first word was
illegible " — nomen dom-
-ni ihu bene dictum " — in
old English characters — From
hence we had a charming
tho' short ride of half a mile
to Asgarth bridge - this beautiful
little ride even within this
10 or 15 years lay thro' a fine
old wood now there is only
a little brush wood — the bridge
at Asgarth is modern — Major
of Wensley knew the old one &
lamented the fall of its ivy-
matted battlements — see his
Wensley Dale — He rode out to
the village & procured the
keys of the church — In the

Church yard exactly oppo 285.
-site to the Parch is a mound
of earth stones & human
bones covered over with
grass - I took it for a tunnel
as I picked out quantities
of human bones in a cal-
-careous state & the whole
was so lightly formed as easily
to be pulled in pieces with
a stick - On enquiry I under-
-stood that this mound was
merely formed of the rubbish
that spared in pulling down
an older church that stood
on the spot where the pre-
-sent one stands - be that as
it may it is certainly as full
of human bones as any tu-
-nulus I ever examined - The
Church is very large dis-
-posed by 3 aisles - indeed this
must be one of the largest
parishes in England extend-
-ing all the way to West-
-morland & without doubt
it contains as many square
miles as the whole county
of Rutland - There are the

286. - main of a curious old screen
of oak which was brought from
Jervaulx Abbey at the dissolution
on a part of it which at
present divides the vestry from
the other part of the church
is the following inscription

AK + + a long blank
then. AS. Abbas Anno Dni
1536 - This was the last
abbot of Jervaulx - In other parts
of the church are the remains
of the same screen on one
part I observed an old war-
rior's head very rudely car-
ved. like this -

In the east
window were
the following
arms beautifully



embellished on the glass - Ar-
gent - 3 Calves with horns
sable - for Metcalfe - Field
parted & pale. 1st Gules - saltier
argent for Neville - 2nd Arg^t
saltier enailed gules for
1st & 3rd quarters - the 2nd & 4th

are a bend, or; for 287.
I hope - and an escutcheon
field argent bearing a bugle
in chief sable - for
I borrowed half up some old
garlands similar to those
I described at Flamborough.
The situation of this church
is singularly romantic & de-
mands the traveller's notice.
From hence we rode to
Thenning at the entrance of
Bishopdale & called upon that
strange character Disney - here
we found Mr. Ottoulet Wood
who had been apprised of
our proposed visit. There is
a pretty waterfall about half
a mile behind the house.
Thenning beautifully situated
amongst wood but it re-
quires constant & heavy
rains to render it fine.
Thenning is a farm house de-
lightfully situated upon an
hill commanding a noble
prospect of the fine vale
of Bishopdale - the room
we were shewn into was

288 Dinsdale's sitting room &
a curious epitome of his crazy
character - the windows & tables
were covered with plant - shells
fossils & minerals - a library
paintings prints & drawings
& adorned every part of
the room in the centre
of which stood a table
covered with wines & fruits
which as I afterwards un-
derstood constantly every
day remains so for the
accommodation of himself
& such chance friends
as may call upon him.
he is a youth of fortune
handsome - little - of most
singular dress & certainly
mad - I amused myself
with looking over a col-
lection of valuable sketches
by old masters till it was
time for us to depart
for Barton to dinner - We
passed thro' Throby & so on
to Barton which is a large
village at the entrance in

to Bishopdale Loo built
 as to surround in an ^{oblong} square
 a large green the whole
 commanding a charming
 view into Wensleydale. The
 Temple - Bolton Castle - wood
 rock - mountain & water
 is fine variety - at the top
 of the green is Mr Wood's house
 our object in view - here
 lives the Rev^d - Geoff: Wood bro
 - then to Mr W. of Bolton Castle
 who entertained us very hos-
 -pitably to dinner - he pro-
 -mised to do all in his pow-
 -er to aid my work & spoke
 disrespectfully of Dr Townson
 Bishopdale is a lovely valley
 of rich land & the farms
 from £20 to 200 & some-
 times higher in some single
 instances - They are chiefly
 if not altogether dairy & gra-
 -zing as in Wensleydale - af-
 -ter dinner walked down
 to Burton Tof - a sweet
 waterfall of which the sketch
 I took will convey a better
 idea than many words

290. In the evening returned
to Menie where we drank
wine & tea with the mad
Disney who bothered me
with talking about his late
purchase of an estate in
Cumberland whilst I wished
to confine my attention sole-
ly to the fine sketches by
old masters & the rare
coins he has been fortunate
enough to pick up though
a man without taste &
without brain - I know
of few situations capable
of being made more of
than Menie in the way
of cultivated & picturesque
pleasure grounds - Returned
home by Asgarth Force in
a remarkably clear moon-
light night - After supper
this evening until the 10 o'clock
who should come in but the
strange & unaccountable
Tiger without supper - He
stays all night - His mysterious
& disagreeable behaviour

in bed - much to my 291.
astonishment -

147th Day / Oct-12. / Soon after break-
fast this morn-
ing - W. J. Wood
Fryer & myself rode to Bolton
Hall - Some how or another
I could not feel myself so
comfortable with Fryer as
heretofore and I experienced
a considerable depression of
spirits - The gateway in the
-shire Chapel in Bolton
Lane is very old & undoubt-
-ly Saxon - Entering Bol-
-ton Wood thro' the fine
vista before alluded to I
stopped to sketch it - Arriv-
-ed at Bolton Hall who
should be going from it
but my Uncle Wm with
his son Alex^r whom he
was setting part of the way
on his journey back to
Aylton after his fortnight's
visit at Carr-end - I rode
after them Loughton - I pre-
-vailed on my uncle to re-
-turn after conducting

292 Also as far as it can be
seeing Col. Maud - during his
absence I employed myself in
the park near the river in
sketching Bolton-hall but
I purposely left out the stables
in front of the house not
only because they spoil the
view but because they are
to be pulled down in a
short time - Mr. Jas. Wood
a greivable gentle young clergy-
man elect sat by my side
the while - returned to the
Hall I found my uncle arriv-
ed on his return towards
Barr. end - We all walked
together in the gardens be-
hind which are chiefly laid
out in the old dutch taste
particularly where the very
fine yewes occupy a large
square divided into four
equal parts by as many str-
aight walks in the centre
of which is a fountain be-
hind this are three fine
terrace walks one above
another perhaps about 10 feet

293.
The walls of these have
such a pile aspect that
they are covered with richly
bearing fruit trees - the Pros-
pects from these every way
into Hensleydale are so
early delightful and Pentil
opposite has much of the
appearance of Table moun-
tain at the Cape of Good
Hope - Passing by an old fish-
pond Mr. Sadler entertained
my Uncle & I with a cu-
rious anecdote respecting a
pike & chub which contrac-
ted a kind of friendship for
each other. The pike was abt.
A lbs weight the chub abt.
a pound. It was the custom
of the pike according to the
habits of the species to lie
motionless on the top of the
water in the heat of the day.
Mr. S one day observed him in
this situation in a corner
of the pond. at the same
time he saw the chub swim-
ing round & round the pond

29A. "full of mirth full of glee"
but what surprised Mr I was
that instead of the Pike making
the silly chub his prey as he
expected - whenever the latter
came near the pike they
with each other by taking
hold of each others tail and
whirling round - jumping over
each other & using every variety
of manœuvre in the most
playful & sportive manner.
This fun was repeated each
time the chub visited that
corner of the pond. but the
pike remained stationary
watching for its prey the
trout who took care to
keep a respectable distance
& other young fry - The
above I consider a very ex-
traordinary instance con-
sidering the opposite na-
tures of the two fish - Mr
Sadler told me much res-
pecting the building of the Knights
Templar as it has been called
which was discovered near
Mr Addersons present dwelling
house several years ago.

295.

The place near Twinnethwaite
yet called the Temple has
immemorially borne that title
& the natives had long a tra-
dition amongst them that
there stood a Temple in
which the Knight Templars
were accustomed to meet.
It happened several years ago
(perhaps 12) that in making
some alterations on the es-
tate the queen mounds part
which had generally been
supposed the foundation of
the ancient temple - was
opened when to every one's
astonishment - not only the
foundations but a considera-
-ble portion of the lower
walls of the temple were
discovered entire - the build-
-ing was circular & of abt
10 yards diameter - within the
outer wall was another like
it circular & abt 2 feet with
forming a walk all round
the centre being a circular
hollow space something like a trench

296. There were several en-
-trances into it at stated dis-
-tances - the whole was re-
-markably strong, the cement
in particular well built
& amongst the rubbish were
found several capitals & parts
of columns but of what order
I could not learn - this great
curiosity was discovered abt
half a mile above Mr. Ander-
-son's house near the edge
of the scar seen from the
road - and was justly deemed
so valuable by Mr. A. that
he intended making a build-
ing over it & preserving it
for the inspection of the cu-
-rious & learned & going
home to a distant part ^{from}
the country immediately after
the discovery was made he
left orders to the above ef-
-fect - but what was his
mortification & vexation
on his return to find that
his back had no sooner
been turned than some

barbarous & ignorant 297.
workmen tore up the whole
to build some new walls
with on the estate - Mr. A's
reaction on this occasion
rose to absolute fury but
the temple was alas gone
for ever! — In the wall
on the left hand side of
the road abt. half way
between Mr. A's house & his
elegant temple commands
-ing a view of the cataract
at Aysgarth is a stone
upon which is carved a
cross & the words "temple
cross" upon it - this may
probably only be a boundary
mark — This neighbourhood
is still distinguished by
the title of Temple — Fryer
went home from Bolton Hall
or rather to Richmond. Being
engaged with Mr. Jas. Wood
to return to Bolton Castle
to dinner I bade adieu to
my uncle & rode with my
companion to Mr. Anderson's

298. in order to see Mr Pratt's
portrait which she obligingly
showed me I observed a strong
resemblance between her &
the picture & did then no
longer doubt her having
been his natural daughter
as has been supposed.
He has been a jolly - short
small featured - sharp look-
ing portly & hands some man
Mr A has two pictures of
him one the original of a
good artist unknown ^{very}
other a pretty good copy of
the same - After being treat-
ed with Madeira we ran
on to the Temple command-
ing the charming view of
Aysgarth & the high end
of Hensley Dale - my object
here was to draw which
I accordingly did - The build-
ing this elegant temple at
the cost of £800 merely for
the sake of enjoying the
prospect more at ease ar-
ound a dish of tea was con-
sidered by all who knew

him as highly imprudent 299.
in Mr A who had not an
income of more than £1000
£ ann: — It was however
an unequivocal mark of
his taste — From hence we
rode to Bolton Castle to din-
ner — I forgot to mention
that this morning in com-
pany with Fryer I visited
the chamber in which the
lovely Mary of Scotland was
so long confined — This is
in Mr Tennant's part of
the Castle & this morning
for the first time I saw
the fine Miss E. & the fine
Miss B. Tennant of whom
more hereafter — There is
an unhappy difference
between the head of Mr
Woods' family & the former
owing to Tennant's brutal
temper on this acct the
young woods would not
go in with us — Queen
Mary's room with the excep-
tion of furniture the glass the

300. - Jane mentioned remains
as it did at her departure - has
the same light - door & plaister
flooring - It is on the third
story on the western side of
the castle next adjoining the
south western tower - it had
once a window that opened
to the west from which might
be commanded a most charm-
ing view up the Dale - this
was most probably walled
up immediately previous to
the Luers arrival that she
might be deprived of a sight
that would constantly fan
the flame of freedom - the
window without doubt ap-
pears to have been blocked
up some centuries ago - the
window left for her accommo-
dation which now remains
is very small - a casement
looks into the court yard
exactly opposite the eastern
entrance - upon nothing
but dead walls - the apart-
ment is altogether extreme-
ly gloomy - the superior

to many of her scotch 301.
prisons in the various
castles I have visited in
her own country - What were
my sensations as I paced
up & down the long nar-
row the 'lofty apartment
now alluded to I looked
out of the very window
she so often regarded with
anxious eye & many a
time bathed in tears
sighed for liberty little
dreaming she would ne-
ver more see her na-
tive land - nay I'd
easily imagine myself
looking out of the window
with her into the courtyard
whilst her keepers were
exercising themselves in arms
below - Could I but have
seen her hand upon the
grasp also - Oh: the vile
Lady Paulet!!

We also amused ourselves
with the delightful pros-
pect from the top of the

302. battlements - I envied this
charming tho' wild place of
residence -

118th Day / Sunday - This ^{morning}
^{Oct. 13.} I rode with
Mr Wood & his two sons to
Wood hall - In our way en-
joyed some most lovely
prospects & visited some old
lead mines near Woodhall
then I collected a number
of fossils, minerals, &c - We
stopped at Woodhall which ad-
-junctly with Balton Castle
is Mr Wood's residence - returned
to the Castle to dinner where
I met Mr Basket - Mr Sadler
Jr & Junr & Mrs Sadler ^{who}
staid the evening the young
Woods & I escorted them on
their way home as far as
Red mine when we turned
down to see the Spare
well a bottle of whose wa-
-ter resembling Harrogate
I corked up on the spot for
an alyxation - after this we
left stone walls at a mad

I desperate rate with
 our horses all of whom
 could leap well - my motive
 for taking leaps - that in cool
 blood would have frightened
 me originating from the bra-
 -vados of young Woods - re-
 -turned in the dark to B.
 Castle calling in the way
 at Admiral's public house to
 see some fine girls here
 Ottoull W^d figures away
 inrodomontade to the
 great admiration & adifica-
 -tion of the Court assembled
 on the occasion -

149th Day / Oct. 14. / Wishing to see
 Col^l. Maunders
 M.S.S soon after breakfast
 I set out for Wensley accom-
 -panied by Jas Wood - ar-
 -rived at Wensley we found
 Col^l. M. had gone onto the
 moors & shooting - leaving
 our names we therefore re-
 -turned towards B. Castle - at
 Bolton Park we turned up -

30A. Hill Gile a deep woody glen
appearing immediately within
the Park gates - my object here
was to see the ruins of the house
in which the Mad Duke of Pal-
low played so many of his cu-
rious pranks - By his orders in
the thickest part of the gile
almost completely concealed
by trees was built a stone cot-
tage containing 2 rooms &
in a rock opposite was ex-
cavated a cellar to contain
his liquors - Not unfrequently
at midnight wd he order a
most sumptuous dinner
to be prepared for him in
this place to consist of the
most rare delicacies & wine
viands - when told the en-
tertainment was ready he
wd go - declare it was
fit for an hog - throw all
down & dashing the plates
& dishes into a thousand
pieces instantly dispatch
servants well mounted to

every part of the country for 305.
delicacies perhaps out of sea-
-son or not to be obtained
for money - At other times
he w^d order this place to
be illuminated by a thou-
-sand variegated lamps &
making it his head quar-
-ters hunt at midnight
through the surrounding
woods by torch-light riding
upon men's backs instead
of horses picking out the
most lusty men & servants
on his estate for this en-
-terprise. In this manner
spending whole nights - In short
to enumerate all his mad
pranks would be as tedious
to the writer as the reader.
But they were all feigned
& never was madness better
feigned - Old Maude ac-
-cording to good authority
was his faithful friend
& most adept assistant. This
madness it seems was feigned

306. on the following acct^s whose
historical truth it will be
necessary for me to investigate.
This mad Duke was the last
Duke of Bolton & as it is
said High Admiral of Eng-
land age in the service
Commanding a ship I think
in the American or the
German war - He met with
a Spanish Galleon bound
for South America most
richly - immensely laden
with specie - He suffered
this ship to pass after little
or no firing - No one since
doubted that it was in con-
sequence of receiving an im-
mense sum as a reward
setting her go he instantly
feigned madness - exclaimed
he would blow the English
ship out of the water & or-
dered all sail for England - &
mand who was then our
governor on board the same

ship was the only man on 30th
board in the secret two-
sided with the Duke. im-
-mediately on his arrival
in England his officers com-
-menced an action against him.
The Duke instantly retired
to Bolton hall & by his
well feigned madness esca-
-ped condign punishment
throughout all the cunning
old Maids assisted him &
in consequence 'tis thought
he was made steward in
which office he remained
till death. I understand
there is an excellent bit
-allusion to this circum-
-stance in the Adventures
of a Guinea - Of the house
in Mill Gill before men-
-tioned little now remains
only the foundations & part
of the walls abt 2 feet
high 'tis so overgrown with
weeds we could scarcely
approach it - From hence

308. we went to Ballton hall
& called upon Mr Sadler we
found the family just dining
we joined them & eat heartily
After dinner I mounted young
Sadler's famous hunter which
had not been rode for some
time I left a number of Hack-
-bars parts trails & all the
gates before the house upon
him - he did not clear his
leaps well & once I thought
he would have broken his
own very neck - In the
evening we walked up
to Preston scar & to Cote
where we called upon Mr
C. Tennant - he was not
at home but his sweet
sister Rebecca was then
who entertained us very
hospitably - They have a fine
tame Fox here which runs
about with the dogs having
- a dog fastened to his back
In a state of domestication

A Fox Coases his offspring 309.
small in every respect he
comes as tame & familiar
as a dog except in being
more cunning & restless ne-
ver appearing at repose but
in constant activity. All
depends upon taking them
young. He walked home
in the dark. Mr. Wood
Jr. tells me that when
Curlens appear in the bottom
or hollow of Hensleydale
from the moors 'tis an
indubitable sign of bad
weather -

150th Day / This Day Miss
Oct. 15. / Ketherwell & I
were left alone Mr. W. being
gone a fishing with his son
Colonel & Mrs. W. with her
son Jas. being absent at Vic-
mond. Whilst I was drawing
& Miss K. at work. The
engaging Miss C. Tennant
came in. I was instantly

310. struck with her strong re-
-semblance at first sight to
my beloved sister Mary Ann.
But on closer examination
her features are bolder &
more determined - She has
some of the bewitching men-
-tal graces of Mary Ann tho'
not all but I think she
has more of my sister's meek-
-ness - I felt that I could
be happy with Betsy Tennant
for life & I became enamored.
I did nothing this day but
play - toff & sing with the
girls - This was a day
I shall always look back
to with the most exqui-
-site delight -

151st Day / This Day I
Oct. 16. spent like the
preceding in the most
exquisite enjoyment till
Mr Wood with Howell
came home - Then my
business became another

& of a agreeable nature 311.
I drew & wrote 'till very
~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~ ~~late~~

152nd Day / This morning of
Oct: 17. I feared unfavor-
-able & the kind Mr W^d
not let me depart - I there-
-fore drew the whole day
'till evening when first
Fryer came in search of me
then Mr W & Jas returned
from Richmond - Fryer was
prevailed upon to stop all
night & the evening was
spent very agreeably - but in
the night Fryer made the
same unpleasant attempts
as before alluded to -

153rd Day - / Fryer left me
Oct: 18. early this morn-
-ing I think not in very
good humour - I care not
however what he thinks
of me - after breakfast I
took my leave of this kind

312. family under mutual protection of regard & accompanied by Mr James Wood whose hunter I rode proceed'd over the moors towards Reeth - About half a mile above the castle saw the spring which formerly supplied the garrison by means of leaden pipes with water - which during the siege being cut obliged the garrison to capitulate. The conduit was discovered by the besiegers thro' accident it being carefully concealed together with the spring underground - I saw vast quantities of Moor Game & many smelting mills in the hollows - Mary conducted me to the top of the hill Mr W returned & I pursued my route on foot - I drew & wrote the whole remaining part of this day and the after

noon Fryer went off to 313
Leyburn without letting his
wife know as usual & I
saw no more of him - his
conduct towards his wife
is cruel & not to be palliated
- I wish he may not become
addicted to his propensity
to the bottle &c - which I
have great reason to fear

154th Day Breakfast with
Oct. 19. Geo. Raw - wrote
for two hours afterward then
sat out for Richmond where
I arrived abt 2 o'clock - The
delightful situation of Marple
Eclipse of Mr. Nuttoms breed
of horses - After dinner I
made my shoppings &
walked to Casby Abbey where
wapt in sweet contempla-
tion I staid till evening
returned to Richmond but
found no Fryer tho' he
had promised to join me
there - Had much conver-

314. - sation with Cropland ^{my}
Landlord who for a man
in his situation in life is to
-lerably intelligent - It must
appear scarcely credible to for-
-eigners & even to many of our
own countrymen when told that
English Jackies frequently ac-
-quire fortunes of £100,000 &
£150,000 - by riding & betting
Old Chiffney besides some
others at Newmarket at
this day is said to be worth
no less than £150,000 - The trade
of betting is derived to a com-
-pleat system & with due care
a fortune is the certain con-
-sequence but of all trades ^{the}
nearest out the most with
it anxiety - to illustrate by
the story of the York man
risking all his property
It seems Pratt acquired his
taste for racing thro' mar-
-riage - he married Mr. Ham-
-mond's sister & thro' this
means was not only initiated
by Mr. H who was first a
groom & afterwards steward
to the Duke of Bolton

dying immensely rich into ^{3/5}
the mystery but through
him obtained the Duke's
breed of horses which were
for a long time very esti-
-mated - all North's famous
horses were descended from
the Duke of Bolton's blood

155th Day. / Left Richmond
Oct: 20. - abt 11 o'clock this
morning for Barnard Castle
by the way of Ravensworth
To Kirby Hill 5 miles - the
country of small cul-
-tivated in places - romantic
The church of Kirby hill
stands on an high esti-
-mence overlooking a rich
valley extending east & west as
far as the eye could reach
at the bottom of this valley
completely commanded by
all the hills is the village
& castle of Ravensworth
The latter situated in a
marshy ground - From
the whole outside of the
church being neatly white

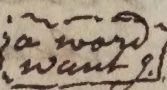
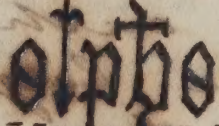
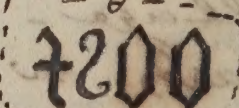
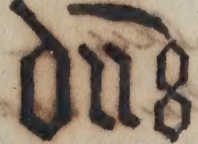
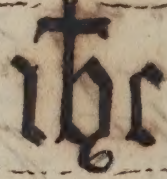
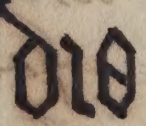
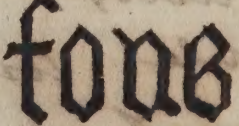
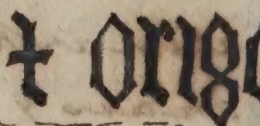
316. was here I did not ex-
-pect much within - At the
lower end of base of the south
west buttress of the tower on
the outside is a stone bear-
-ing this Inscription in mo-
-dern characters supplying the
place of one more ancient
now no more " This Church
was built Anno Domⁱ 1397
M. J. " — There are marks
of antiquity abt^h the outside
tho' they have been mostly
repaired away - The ceiling
of the Chancel is curiously
painted to represent foliage
& flowers - the top of the
whole church was formerly
so painted but now the
chancel only is kept up at
some private cost - There
is a small monument to the
memory of Francis Laton
but none curious or worth
notice - Most of the win-
-dows contained painted glass
but now none remains
except a few broken pieces
Kirby hill is a remarkable

pleasant village - con 317.
taining not more than
8 or ten neat houses sur-
-rounding a green - There
is an excellent institution
here - an hospital founded
by a Dr Daykin - the pro-
-perty given to it when
endowed amounted to abt
£27 - £ ann: without any
other increase - than the
cheapening of money - it
has now an income of
upwards of £900 £ ann.
For an acct of it consult
my little book containing
its ordinances - &c -
Hence I walked down
abt half a mile to the
Castle of Ravensworth for-
-merly as it is said a
chief seat of the Bty Bp
A small part of the ruins
now remain tho' it has
evidently been a very large
& stately castle - It seems
to have had but one moat
& the space within its en-

318. mts which appears to have been entirely covered with building - comprises at the least two acres - Here again my indignation was roused by being told that a great part of the castle has been pulled down at different times to build walls - houses & houses with by such means & other dilapidations for petty purposes has the noble edifice been reduced to its present small remains of which the two sketches I took will convey a pretty accurate idea. Till within late years the bounds of its park might be distinctly traced as a great part of the ancient inclosure a strong wall remained in pulling down a part of this old wall that extended towards Kirby Hill - in order to make some alteration in the inclosure a considerable quantity of silver coin was found but of what reign.

I could not make out 319.
I was directed to two per-
sons in the village who
were said to have many
of them in their possession
but one of these was out of
town & the other had parted
with his share - The greater
part if not all this estate
belongs to Mr. Fletcher of Bur-
roughbridge who lately sold
it easily by Shuttle to Mel-
lish for 2000 guineas a strange
price for a young race horse
but to return to the castle
of Ravensworth - The only gate-
way now remaining opens
near the principal tower
towards the north & the
village - on each side in-
wards was a large clear
grove for the admission
of a portcullis - Near the
centre of the area in the
ruins stands by itself a
remarkable tower (see the
Drawg) - which without a
doubt formed part of the
chapel - Not only the abutting

320. stones that supported the bells remain in the inside but a landing-place near the top in which are two holes thro' which the ropes that pulled the bells must have passed. The front of this tower faces the North & it is evident that two walls ran from it one westward the other eastward so that this curious tower was but part of a more extensive building. Upon its east & north side - just below the pretty windows are the following very curious remains of a remarkable inscription.

East			
North.			
West			

On the south side there are no words - but that

side appears to have been built against another building — This inscription has long puzzled the inhabitants of the neighbouring country & as I was informed some learned Cantates also believe the foregoing copy is pretty correct as I sketched up to the letters — each word is carved in raised characters upon a single stone and placed on the tower in the manner which will appear in my drawing — Over the pointed window is a stone in this form



This castle is situated lower than any I have seen & in my opinion the site has been by no means well chosen — Having satisfied myself amongst the ruins — I passed through the

322 large - populous - apparently
rich & pleasing village of Ravens-
-worth towards Fox Hall on
the Carlisle road where I ar-
-rived to a late dinner - My
Landlord being rather an in-
-telligent man for his birth
& Education & I being some-
-what fatigued with my days
work I resolved to take up
my quarters here for the night
This evening I here bought
a ^{silver} penny of BD? 1st in good pre-
-servation & one of BD? 3rd both
of them found near Ravens-
-worth Castle - where many
coins have been found at
various times - Not far
from hence eastward on
a ratherly moor are some
extensive fortifications by
mounds

156th Day. / Being Told of a man
^{Oct. 21.} at Ravensworth
who was in possession of a curi-
ous gold ring found near the castle
I walked down there immed-

323.
-diately after breakfast - I
soon found the place but wife
of the man who found it had
unfortunately worn it upon
her finger for 12 years in
which time she had worn
out all the characters on
the outside (there were as
many words on the out
as the inside) and broken
it besides - this latter mis-
-fortune had obliged her to
lay it aside as no longer
of use. They wanted me
to give them 10/6 for it
I bought it for 5/- the words
"Sidon nec" in ancient cha-
-racters of Britain are very
perfect in the inside - He
-turned to Fox hall I found
the house filled with Col
Morritts Volunteers going to
Bedale on duty - They were
very merry & I had some fine
fun amongst them parti-
-cularly with a very clever
fellow in his way a fifer
who played admirably much.

324. to all our entertainment
and satisfaction - he had
lost one eye but the other
was a piercer she was a
very Droll dog - I treated 4
of them with Ale - The
whole body are fine looking
men - Towards noon I
took my departure for Gre-
ta Bridge along the great
barlisle road - This road yet
continues the name of the
high street & there can
be no doubt but it lies
along the ancient roman
road leading to Lavatru-
se - To my left near Bar-
ningham is or rather was
Scargill Castle but now so
little if any remains exist
that from the report I heard
I felt no inclination to go
so far out of my way to
see it - I understood that
nearly the site remained
The distance from Rox hall
to Greta bridge near 6 miles
to dinner - The whole dis-
-tance thro' a most de-

- lightful & richly culti 325.
- vated country that may be
called a valley all the
way - Greta Bridge consist
of two most capital inns
& a noble bridge over the
Greta near Rakeby Park
a swally romantic situa
- tion. Garland begins his
tour in Tisdale at this
place - There is a village
called Brignall about a
mile & an half from here
up the Greta which I have
long wanted to visit hoping
it might prove the same
Brignall at which Mr
Johnson the friend of the
great Ray lived - a place I
am resolved to discover that
perhaps I may learn
something respecting him
or at least see the situa
- tion of a place from which
he sent so many rare
birds - accordingly after
dinner I took a sweet
walk thither - the way
lying thro' the fields on the

326. Northern bank of the re-
-mantic Lyeta. It is a small
dragg-village abt a quarter
of the mile from the river.
The clergyman a Mr. Black
burn was not at home I
borrowed the key of the church
walked down to it at some
distance from the village
close to the water side in
a hollow surrounded by trees
& rock - in a most sweetly
retired situation - but I was
alas disappointed in the ob-
-ject of my search. Nothing
ancient about the premises.
Tho' this chapel was at least
is now completely modernised
by repair - close to the door
I started a fine hare that
ran & jumped over the wall
much to my delight - There
is nothing but the very
charming situation of the
place & its cleanliness to ad-
-more - I returned disappoint-
ed & in the full conviction
that it must be the

Brignall near Driffeld³²⁷
in the East riding where
Mr. Johnson resided particu-
-larly as the birds he sent
to Ray were chiefly water
birds such as are found
in the fens there

The walk of abt 4 miles from
Lynda Bridge to Barnard
Castle is beautiful & ro-
-mantic in a high degree
along the southern bank
of the Tees - Abt a mile
& an half from B. Castle
I arrived at the grand
new bridge over the tees
by a single arch of an
extensive - lofty & mag-
-nificent span - the river
is here confined in a deep
rocky bed & is finely
margined with oak
trees - I did not cross this
bridge which has a toll
upon it even for foot pas-
-sengers but proceeded a little
further to Egglestone where
a principal object of my
search here - The ruins of

328. are situated upon a green
knoll or hill rising pretty
steep from the river - they are
not extensive but are richly
ornamented - The church has
not been large - part of the
abbey that was originally in-
habited is so yet being di-
vided into several small
tenements for the accommoda-
tion of some paupers - they
appear to have been the dis-
tinct & dormitory over them -
my drawings will shew more
than any description - there
is a small scattered village
behind & near - the whole
is beautifully & picturesquely
intermingled with trees - I
proceeded to Barnard Castle
along the Yorkshire side of
the Tees - The old mill be-
longing to the abbey - has been
from time to time repaired
& augmented still continues
a mill for the grinding of
corn by water - Whatever

329.

Barnard Castle has been
of old its splendour is now
no more but perhaps to a
lover of antiquity & the ves-
tiges of departed greatness
the remains of ancient gran-
deur that arrest his at-
tention as he passes thro'
the town may console him
tho' they certainly cannot
excuse the dirt & filth &
ruin - that strike his eye
almost in every part of the
town which is not a small
one for a country market
town - I passed over an
ancient bridge of two pointed
& ribbed arches - but the
parapet is modern - Accord-
ing to Garland's recommen-
dation in his tour of Tees-
dale I took up my quar-
ters at the King's Head Inn
Woods - which I found a
very comfortable inn tho'
not so reasonable in re-
spect to charges as I should
have expected in such a

330. part of the country - It was too late & I was too glad a comfortable fire side to stir out from it any more to-day I therefore spent the evening in reading & writing when not bothered & interrupted by a talkative & vilely ignorant & insignificant & disgusting traveller who was unfortunately in the same room with me -

157th Day. / Whilst my breakfast was preparing this morning I ambled out into the Castle where ruins are situated immediately behind the inn - The whole extent of its site is certainly very large but not so large as Garland makes appear - he says 'tis the largest in England (meaning the area) We certainly cannot have seen Caerphilly Castle which is near a mile in

circumference - Barnard 331.
Castle stands upon a bold
finely tinted rock rising
to a very considerable per-
pendicular height over
the limpid waters of the
Tees upon its Northern
bank - commanding a
noble - extensive - rich
picturesque & romantic
view both up & down
the lovely Teesdale - Bound-
ed to the West by a lofty
range of distant moun-
-tains - to the east by a
country so rich that Ar-
-cadia herself could not
blush to own parallel
beauties - It is of an an-
-cient style of architecture
& some of its parts bespeak
their origin to have been
at different times - I do not
think the site of the old
castle was so extensive
as the present ruins make
appear - That part of the pre

332. sent castle which I term
the old castle may easily be
distinguished from the other
by its being surrounded with
a deep moat over which on
the east side is a bridge. The
space within this moat (to
the south the river & rocky
precipice & to the west a
steep declivity form the moat
on those sides, the other is
artificial) according to my
best guess consists of one acre
& besides a strong wall run-
ning round by the moat
side. This space contains
the chief part of the ruins
which consist of an ancient
& remarkably well built
round tower partly covered
with Ivy. and a lofty wall
& segment of a small square
tower to the bridge. In this
wall which is well support-
ed by buttresses are several
windows of the work some
square bow window high

up near the round tower
on the western side. My
Drawg. takes in the whole
of this part which is all
that is worth Drawg. of
the Castle - The round tow-
er is an extraordinary
structure its walls of a
wonderful thickness - being
upwards of 9 feet thick - in
these even passages are exca-
vated - The ceiling of the lower
room excited my admira-
tion - it was scarcely if any
concaved & yet was built
in this manner supporting
another room & great weight
above -



334. I could not very well
ascertain whether the form
of this old Castle - i.e. with
in the moat & space of are
-said - was round - octangu-
lar or Muntangular - but
it appeared to resemble the
octangular the most - the
other part of the Castle ap-
-pears to have been an open
space or nearly so - of nearly
3 acres - surrounded by a very
strong wall - with heavy butt-
-resses & small but strong
& square towers at the angles.
This wall also inclosed the
greater part of the old castle
& I have no doubt but it
was added to the old castle to
protect the neighbouring in-
-habits to with their cattle &c
in time of Scottish or other
warlike invasion - as the bene-
-fit of a castle so situated as
this is in those times must
have soon been apparent
Cont? to P. 1st of Vol: 2nd

Upson of the name of the
road in Lendale has an an-
cient stone upon which the
god Mithras -

The Prince has the plate
that was presented for the
ant: of the camp -

Books to consult
Galeo Agisburn Monks de Rich?
2nd Vol: of Burton Monast. M.S.

Alans Collection
Fulter Mathew
Nique Galeamun

Some letters in which are the
- how some can: part all: things

Mayna Britanna
Bibliotheca Topographica Britanna:
Kings observation and letters
Youngs Topographical monuments
Bakers specimens of ant: and
two & partly - in Eng: and
By reading & looking to the
Theatrum postarum Anglicanum
by Phillips

has afforded me an
introduction & the confidence
that it will impart the
earn to them —

See 1st On the Eastern
Animals of Britain

See 2nd On the Insects
of Britain

See 3rd On the Birds of
Britain

See 4th On the Fish
of Britain

See 5th On the Insects
of Britain

See 6th On the Study
of Nat. Hist. in
general. It was
effect and compa
- tibility with the
- Legation

The rest: and to be read 10th

of many rare specimens are
usually drawn - etched & co-
loured from nature by the
author - in the history of
to begin with things have
been ask but to hint at other
another amongst which the
advancement of human know-
-ing - more to us of the
after allowing one may be
to the former - it is our
of the progress of the science
& of the work British work.
--- are about to the
made stating the manner
in which my materials
have been collected in the
fields - woods - logs - rivers &
dry and long mount than for
whole days - in the event
of a good week has the pro-
-mise of another volume
to coincide by an author
- known to the present
in which after considering
the utility was necessary to
please the happiness of

Employment

Age: 4. 110. 559.

Trade & Man.

Health

Slaveside. 1.

Healath. 5. 8.

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119

817

Uninhabited houses in left. 6

in Slaveside. 4

in Healah. 5

Addition to Farmington

Employment

Age: 4. 110. 559.

Trade & Man.

Health

7

22

124.

Uninhabited houses - 5

It was in the wild & beautiful
scenery of Tussock that I first
saw the old & beautiful
a work in that history of
my great historical work. I
I walked along I was struck upon
the following. But - the
little to be these locations of
British History - with plates

Addition to my list of
 the population of Nevada
 mentioned at p. 263. made
 from the back of the District
 My statement of Salt Corn
 in the town of Mead also
 handed by Stary side also -
 Salt

Inhabited houses - 119
 No. of families - 153
 No. of Males - 324
 No. of Females - 354
 678

Stary side
 Inhabited houses - 9
 No. of families - 13
 No. of Males - 29
 No. of Females - 36
 65

Mead
 Inhabited houses - 42
 No. of families - 46
 No. of Males - 102
 No. of Females - 110
 212
 212
 Total 955

Compared with my other
 and there is one inhabitant
 extra - this is correct

Let road him in my moulding
And mark his haggard form
And bear him to your fair land
And plunge him in the stream

Backward the Stat: is a native
of Yorkshire & for a geographical
act of him see the European
Mag: for Sept 1788-

The Lord King's work on
the Banking system in order
to obtain excellent grounds for
a consideration of that
subject as it relates to Yorkshire
I now suppose that the Mar
chioness of Winchester who has
interest in Newby church &
the same that was celebrated
by Milton -

For a very fine story we find some
poem of Lake with a little quibble
payable grey. gradually fading into
and long irregular bright spots
of ore - well against it dark
payable grey -

I'll strike amidst the Ocean's foam
 And wake any boy who ^{ever} took
 And drag him where his owner he
 There - where I breathe now

There light's sweet shade is the
 To deck my burning ^{even} beam
 On storm & tempests full blown
 And well with the sea.

Wild morning to the waking moon
 There much obscure the sky.
 They laugh, & mingle in the gloom
 And so will merrily

There beating in the midnight ray,
 They dance to sound of reel.
 The tear of night, & sigh of day,
 Round, round them constant flow.

I'll away to the gloomy walk
 Where have weaving storm
 Their misty spirit bid me halt
 To join their ghastly form!

A Mad Song by Mary Anne

To send Mr. J. Hood of Boston
a dozen of my prospectus when
put in he makes no doubt
of procuring me a number
of subscribers -

There is a very remarkable cave
near Kipton in the Allegheny Lake
by Congress and not far from
the river. It is a cavern
discovered by Mr. Hood
of Boston & the who has seen
them -

There are some books
much want in a catalogue
for 1805 - put by Francis
vile & Lee - New York &c

There is a mi-
neral well near Portland

John Fox Bookeller of New
York has a M. S. history
of that town which it is
intended to publish - There
are two books seen there
Bartholomew & the above
Fox -

[Hofse] Henry, in his Ecclesi-
 astical history, remarks, that
 about the year 799, a con-
 cil was held in England, on
 the occasion of which parish
 the sitting off of horse tails,
 & eating of their flesh: -
 Now: May: Oct: 1805

Nothing else for an account of
 under quarters in
 Domingo's Travels in Egypt &c
 2nd p. 51.

frise / for so do so v. 1.
 p. 338 -

for some curious pictures or
 respecting Latin in the tops
 of modernism such as those
 in Riddell & Collier's
 Newley sale - regarding them
 in a paper which I sent
 I want see that I have
 Vol 2nd p. 189 & 90 -

for an account of ancient painting
 at York see Anne's history of
 painting -

for an account of the houses of
 Egypt & North & West Africa
 see Brown's travels -

March: March 20th of Lancaster
York & the 3rd Edition of
his Newley Sale of White
Lancaster

To get Fuller's Northern &
Ellis's specimens of our early
English Post 3 vol. Buckman
face shall in which is a
good deal of good - 3rd Edition

Dr. Miller a native of York
- price -
Battle of Bladen Field the 2nd
Edition is in King's last ca
- catalogue for 2/6 -

To get Gray's Dictionary
Vol. 1: 4th Ed. 11 vol. £1.8.
The marginal note in my inter
- leaved copy of Jones's Glossary
by others. & are by the collector
- page & Manning -

Thacker's Jason Lyman: is other
- & the best

For a cheap part of the party
Charlotte Nicholson of York by
her copy - see monthly May
for Oct. 1. 1805 -

The first Division of the Work, occupying the first volume, will be divided into sections: 1. analysis; 2. Antiquities; 3. Geography; 4. Agriculture; 5. Agriculture; 6. Birds; 7. Fish; 8. Reptiles; 9. Insects; 10. Literature as connected with natural history; 2nd Division of the work, containing accounts, remarks, & observations, made in several parts of England, Scotland, & Wales. The whole is to be illustrated with not less than 20 and more than 30 plates.

Such the Work, in the way in the which we are at length to be brought acquainted with all that is interesting in the country of York.

D. N.

Genl. Mag. for 1804
Supp. p. 1188-

The first part of the Work giving an account of the British nation all well printed above

a complete Dictionary of Terms in Natural History & Natural History & more will

will be allowed by every can-
 did mind, that a noble
 field of enquiry could not
 have been found nowhere.
 over our immediate limits.
 This is the author's great
 design at once *lelo de se*.
 A work capable of furnishing
 any materials for many so-
 lutions is to be crowded in
 to one, & to various fields
 Wales and Scotland for it sup-
 ports - On the execution of
 this design is to depend the in-
 vestigation of two regions of
 the globe, one much explored
 by any mortal, & with the
 history & comparatively unim-
 portant researches in the other
 we are far from resting a
 -titled - To raise a fund for
 the execution to the apology
 for the mode of publication
 now adopted, to which we
 have in some degree been
 compelled by the certainty of
 increasing expenses in the
 execution of this work which
 all of us would acknowledge
 even before it can be at all
 profitable for public instruction

highly advantageous to the poor
in the undertaking, & it is
-can repay for him to change
his residence, & the he found
Dr. Johnson had anticipated in
the same undertaking, & had
obtained so much patronage
that the sweep of a mile
work was much improved
-the - Mr. T. in short gave
to Dr. T. & his papers were
allowed to remain by me
without arrangement, & in
their present rude state,
the I had added considerable
ly to their number by a good
-ing through Scotland, & a late
visit to several parts of
South Wales. With all the
enlargement, the county of York
the province in question,
for whose wealth an extent
rather natural an artificial
many a pretty discovery of
Europe might be made by having
it in the power to exchange
his own specimens for a
country of so much more
importance in every po
tential point of view) it

"Mr. Urban,
In the present diffusions of
topographical description, how
unfamiliar to the country of
York, with such ~~extensive~~
and copious materials, to have
those failed of being brought to
the light. Of Dr. Johnson's effort
you will recollect what was
said in Vol IX p. 11. p. 702. &
now Mr. Gough, who has
all year ago formed a resolution
to engage in it, is about to
publish, whose situation as a
-line of the county, & a resident
in one of the fairest parts of that
fair province, could not but know

Review the shot of these dis-
charges before it was issued,
& if then defended they to prove
fully, as to elude every device
& ammunition could serve to
it, he he offers the marriage of
his gun, which it serves with
that position, whilst he reaches
the house - It is got about &
measures of feet & inches from
the extremities of the wings, &
its back, below, & the deep bay
as bounding along the -"
gent. May: Dec. 1804

of it. a gentleman, who was
one of the guests, told them
it was a Mediterranean turtle
and not a tortoise: only one
of the company eat of it, & it
almost killed him, being sei-
zed with a dreadful vomiting
& purging " —

There are several of a new fish
taken off the coast of
see p. 343. Apr. 2. 3.

The Penant's Tent in Scotland
the 1st Edition — Oct.

Johnston's Geography 3rd Ed.
by G. Bell & Co. & Co.
Hull's Pocket Atlas a year
ago —

There is a pit on the ad-
-vance in the granite May
for April 1805 —

Eagle Nov. 29. 1802. "Aunt of
the house on Eagle Hill
was shot at Jackson Park
near Newbury, by the & commu-
garrisoned by the County of
Adams, in the ground near
the house, of which any error
the house was & on the

To see 'A True True Great Bri-
tan by a Gentleman' in 3rd ed.
Oct: put in London by J. Stuker
in 1727. for some curious par-
-ticulars respecting Yorkshire
of use in arranging the bones
of the 'Doloptra' -

Extracts from Pennant's
History 2nd Edition 3 vol. Oct:
1768 - To see the edition for
other particulars

Alphen: Vol. 2nd The subject the bones
of the Doloptra has been
discussed - p. 508 -

p. 570. The say the bones of the
Doloptra were found in the island
but it has been constantly in Scotland
p. 514. The say the Doloptra is only
a winter visitant, & that it is
common in Scotland very
p. 517. Contrary to his opinion the
Doloptra was in Yorkshire -

Alphen: Vol. 3rd p. 321. The cat hi
ship of the Doloptra informed me that
a Doloptra was taken off the
coast of Scotland in 1748. or 1749.
It was purchased by a family at
that time there, & a good deal
of company invited to partake

John Smithson got
the right now - Robert Darley had
- done. Dear of his old
Wm. Thorneycroft Esq. East-end. Newby
Timothy Sutton Esq. Elyton Castle
near Washam
John Blairmore Chayler Esq.
Spennithorne Newbydale
The Rev. & John Metcalf. Colhe near
Thames Newbydale
John Whaley Esq. near the
- was born Lancaster
The Rev. Geoffrey Wood of 2 Prov. dis
London in Bishopdale
The Rev. Euseb. Teggan. Richmond
Euseb. Teggan Esq. Richmond
The Rev. -
The Rev. -
B. Bunting Esq. Cape Lee -
J. Hyder Wood Esq. of Bolton Castle
& Woodhouse - Newbydale

To get the Chronicon Preteritum

To send my uncle the my due edition of Bruce -

To see Jack's Ministry of the Jewish Board for an anti of one of the seraphic family

To see Thornton's Hist: of Nat. - tryhams in & it will be - as his in for a like purpose

To see Dages town three Donly York has de de -

They say with justice that the inscription I sent him that was found near the Castle near at York is Evidenti. I have been pleased over the Evidenti of the Castle at Leeds & it is probable -

Below the altar of Malpas will worthy of a place in the Geography of Yorkshire -

My Uncle thinks he has seen the Eider Duck on Fenris avails but not procuring one the date not be certain

The next of them - I think
 To get the last edition of
 I written honestly just
 come out -

To see the "Battle of Blood"
 a poem a pamphlet
 a good deal of them in the
 circulating in it

The Marriages a good little in
 country as a punishment for
 their crime. to punish from
 a rock into the stormy ocean

Next of the Staff? poor as
 related by Bailey. The a
 around many them and I am

My father heard a neighbor
 of the unknown upon a map

I again the lawyer agreed
 nightingale catches - and to
 go once a year to Thorpant
 for that purpose - not known
 any of any name known as
 don't think for so

permanent in his death for
 in either way he saw the
 black gentleman at Flamingo
 head. He also says the year
 taken two for 12 years near
 Charleston —

Must not forget that I have
 waited for the raft in the
 barn near Oxford —

~~The above Disposal giving
 Regue these 3 iv.
 It better.~~

To the Messrs. Stateline
 note on yellowish —

Of two a pair of Pratt that
 he found in capture
 in looking his going
 horses down and give
 them any thing they
 could eat — The old man
 will may be attending
 to the ^{brother} ~~brother~~ ^{travels} ~~travels~~
 situation —

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Thank a Magoth
 up - a pretty old - naturally yellow
 their - from D'Arny - "thoo mark" has been
 try - little
 Blue - a brown or grey
 Black - a red water
 White - do -
 Gray - a ring of all - a good
 my - a good brought -
 Dues - garments - "doff you dust" put
 off your cloths - "d'Arny" for good
 Dues - a rich hair full of water -
 Blacky - blacky -
 Rain - off my rain or rain or rain
 Richly - for light or nearly or light
 "ye goe early" - you go me
 Lightly -
 The rain - a heavy rain - have out
 heard it frequently at the
 upper end of the road
 Made - I suppose from made
 I shall make the
 means of these letters
 or interest or confu-

